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## **ABC EXCLUSIVE**

### **“Hey! Over here!”**

In a political landscape dominated by loud voices and familiar faces, Craig Pickering is waving his arms frantically, hoping someone - anyone - might look in his direction.

The founder of Community Development Advocacy SA (CDASA) is running as an independent candidate for the Legislative Council.

**Craig has made an unprecedented pledge: he will refund all campaign donations once elected.**

"It's almost impossible to cut through the noise," Craig admits. "I'm starting to wonder if I need to wear a neon sign or launch fireworks just to get noticed."

His struggle to be seen is not just a personal grievance; it mirrors a serious issue facing South Australians today. Craig's feeling of invisibility is exactly how local community groups feel when dealing with the current state government.

Craig has seen firsthand **how communities are sidelined in critical conversations**. CDASA's report on Community Engagement Reform is a testament to this.

"The State Government looks right through local residents when major property developments are on the table," Craig says. "Walker Tower 2 is the prime example. Giving away our most valuable community land for \$1 a year for the next 100 years is absurd. I am **running as an independent to elevate the dismissal of community voices to election issue status**."

"The priorities of this government are completely wrong."

If you are tired of the same political-speak, look for the guy waving his arms around.

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