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Dear Mr Ott

The City of Adelaide and the City of Austin have a well-established connection as Sister Cities. We are both known throughout the world as performing and visual arts centres of excellence, we have a strong innovation culture and are also both home to the V8 Supercar Series!

Adelaide was very proud to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Sister City relationship in 2013 with an Austin themed community event held right in the heart of Adelaide and the Deputy Lord Mayor of the time Michael Llewelyn-Smith also visited your city during this important year. More recently we have been actively exploring and exchanging information with key stakeholders in Austin about ways to strengthen Adelaide's entrepreneurial culture based on the experiences of your city.

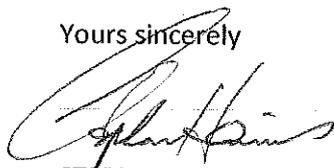
This year is the 175th anniversary of the City of Adelaide and as part of the celebrations of this important milestone it has been brought to the attention of the Adelaide City Council that the gift that was exchanged with the City of Austin back in 1983 when our Sister City relationship was formalised is of historical significance to our city.

I understand that the City of Adelaide presented a mounted opal to the City of Austin to mark the formation of our Sister City relationship. It seems that the mounted opal was removed from a chain at the request of the City of Adelaide Lady Mayoress at the time.

In our 175th anniversary year it would be a tremendous gesture if the City of Austin was in a position to return this important historical artefact to the City of Adelaide so the Lady Mayoress Chain, currently on display as part of our Civic Collection, could be displayed in the manner it was originally designed and created. In exchange the City of Adelaide would be most pleased to gift the City of Austin with a significant piece of local Aboriginal art in recognition of our Sister City relationship. We would of course meet any costs incurred with return of the opal.

I appreciate your consideration of this very important matter.

Yours sincerely



STEPHEN HAINS
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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