IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Mayor acknowledges Natural Disaster Declaration

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Kangaroo Island The Mayor of Kangaroo Island acknowledges the Australian Government declaring the bushfires on Kangaroo Island a Natural Disaster.

Mayor Michael Pengilly said this now allows Council to apply to the Australian Tax Office for Deductible Gift Registration to allow donations to the Kangaroo Island Mayoral Relief & Recovery Bushfire Fund to be tax deductible.

Senator The Hon. Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters declared the Cudlee Creek, Kangaroo Island, Angle Vale, Keilira, Yorketown and Duck Pond bushfires in South Australia as disasters for the purpose of establishing Australian disaster relief funds as deductible gift recipients (DGRs), allowing these funds to receive tax-deductible donations.

“I am confident this will be an additional motivator to those still thinking of making a donation to those doing it really tough on the island as a result of these insidious bushfires’ Mayor Pengilly said.

‘Council unanimously moved a motion calling on the Australian and South Australian governments to declare our Island a Natural Disaster Zone and I would like to particularly acknowledge the support of the Premier and his government, and local Federal Government Ministers and Members for advocating our position’ Mayor Pengilly said

Mayor Pengilly said he will be eternally grateful for the outpouring of support for the Island and Mayoral Fund.

‘The response is heart warming and overwhelming. And I urge anyone still thinking of committing funds to those on KI who need financial support the most, at this time of greatest need, to please give generously’ Mayor Pengilly said.

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