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22MIT2612

Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC  
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Dear Ms Centofanti

**APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 19 August 2022.

Your application seeks access to:

*“A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) between the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Member for Waite (including directly with staff within the office of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport), relating to the Belair Railway Line, between 19 March to 19 August 2022.”*

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 6 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 4 documents; copies of which are enclosed.  
I grant you access in part to 2 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

**Documents Released in Full**

2, 4, 5 and 6

**Documents Released in Part**

1 and 3

**Documents Released in Part**

Documents 1 and 3 are released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Waite electorate office and if released would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information. I therefore determine this information exempt pursuant to clause 6 to the FOI Act.

## Exemption

### **Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs**

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

No fees and charges are payable for this application.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review, in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please either write a letter or complete *Application for Review of Determination* form, to the Principal Officer of this agency, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

Should you submit an application for an Internal Review, please include an application fee of \$39.00.

If you require any further information, please contact Vicky Cathro on (08) 7133 1100.

Yours sincerely



**Carly McNeill**  
Accredited FOI Officer

10 / 11 / 2022

## Schedule of Documents

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Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	27/04/2022	Letter to Minister Koutsantonis	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
2	20/05/2022	Letter to Minister Koutsantonis	1	Released in full		
3	7/07/2022	Letter to Waite Electorate Office	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
4	8/07/2022	Email from Minister Koutsantonis' office	2	Released in full		
5	22/07/2022	Letter to Minister Koutsantonis	1	Released in full		
6	22/07/2022	Email from Waite Electorate Office	1	Released in full		

**RELEASE**

# Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
Minister for Mining and Energy  
Minister for Government Accountability

By Email: [ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Tom*

I write to you in regard to several matters relating to the public transport network in the Waite electorate, and the ways we can revitalise the Belair train line.

Many constituents have raised with me issues about various station platforms along the Belair line. There are severe vandalism problems, with graffiti covering the walls of most stations and is also prevalent along the fence line adjacent to the train line. The freight line platforms themselves are also not utilised and lack regular maintenance, with Coromandel, Glenalta and Pinera stations being overgrown on the non-use side.

The community believes the train line is in need of revitalisation and would highly benefit from major works or possible extension so the community and visitors can make the most of our public infrastructure, as well as enhance the visual appeal of our area. There are volunteer groups, such as the Blackwood Action Group, who are enthusiastic about providing support to these types of projects.

Some Waite residents are also concerned about the lack of efficiency in our public transport network with low frequency of trains on weekends and in school holidays, which many people use as a gateway for bike trails or hikes through our parks. The suburb of Craighburn Farm also suffers from a lack of public transport options to get to the nearest station, Coromandel, which leaves high densities of cars around the station's vicinity.

I would appreciate if you would meet with me to discuss how we can best revitalise the Belair train line through the Waite electorate, and how we can work with ARTC to ensure stations are not underutilised and properly maintained. I would also like to discuss the efficiency of public transport in my community and ways to improve it.

Kind regards

*Catherine Hutchesson*

**Catherine Hutchesson MP**  
Member for Waite

*20* May 2022



**DIT:Minister Koutsantonis**

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**From:** DIT:Minister Koutsantonis  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 July 2022 2:41 PM  
**To:** Waite EO  
**Subject:** RE: 22MIT0391 - Bike Carriage on the Belair Line Train  
**Attachments:** 22MIT0391 - Final.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Please find attached response from the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining.

Kind regards

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**From:** Waite EO <Waite@parliament.sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 April 2022 6:30 PM  
**To:** DIT:Minister Koutsantonis <MinisterKoutsantonis@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** 22MIT0391 - Bike Carriage on the Belair Line Train

Good Evening,

Attached is a letter from Catherine Hutchesson MP to the Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP regarding a constituents suggestion of the establishment of a bike carriage on the Belair Train Line during times of peak bike use.

Kind regards,

**Office of Catherine Hutchesson MP**  
**Member for Waite**

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**A:** 1/7-9 Young Street, Blackwood SA 5051

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# Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: [ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Tom,*

I write to you to invite you to my electorate of Waite to discuss public transport. Public transport is a pivotal part of Waite, with the Belair Railway Line and several bus routes traversing the electorate.

Community groups and residents are passionate about expressing their ideas and concerns regarding the future of public transport in Waite. Items raised to me include the possibility of a new railway station at Bellevue Heights, bus linkage to Craighburn Farm, and desire for a new bus loop service around Belair. There is also much interest in the Mount Barker to Adelaide train trial.

I would appreciate if you would visit Waite to hear from community groups and residents about their ideas and concerns at a Public Transport Forum. Please let me know if you are available for a forum, so my office can begin organising this event.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to [waite@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:waite@parliament.sa.gov.au).

Kind regards

*Catherine Hutchesson*

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## DIT:Minister Koutsantonis

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**From:** Waite EO <Waite@parliament.sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 July 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** DIT:Minister Koutsantonis  
**Subject:** 22MIT2190 - Waite Public Transport Forum  
**Attachments:** 2022-07-22 Letter to Minister Koutsantonis.pdf

**Categories:** Printed

Good afternoon,

Attached is correspondence from Catherine Hutchesson MP to Minister Koutsantonis to invite the Minister to visit Waite for a public transport forum.

Kind regards,

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**RELEASE IN PART**

# Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
Minister for Energy and Mining

By Email: MinisterKoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister, *Tom*

I write to you on behalf of my constituent [REDACTED] of Blackwood, regarding her request of an establishment of a bike carriage on the Belair Line Train.

[REDACTED] has advised me of her concern regarding the significant amount of space required to store mountain bikes on the Belair Line, from stations Mitcham to Belair. She notes the excessive amounts of bikes, which mostly occurs on weekends and school holidays, can often block access to doors and makes it difficult for people with physical vulnerabilities to navigate the carriage passage. She also noted that bike carriages were formerly used on the line, when the 2000 Series train was in service.

[REDACTED] requests that Adelaide Metro implements a bike carriage on the Belair Line Train for use on weekends and school holidays to coincide with increased demand for bike storage, and subsequently relieve space on the train for easier navigation. She also says this will help support the exercise mountain biking promotes.

I would appreciate if you would review this issue so I can best advise my constituent on possible solutions. I would also appreciate for you to keep me informed of progress on this matter.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on (08) 8278 5844, or by email to [waite@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:waite@parliament.sa.gov.au).

Kind regards

*Catherine Hutchesson*

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*27* April 2022

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The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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*Catherine,*  
Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter on behalf of [REDACTED] about the use of bicycles on the Belair train service.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that as part of the election commitment, it is investigating railcar modifications that may be utilised as bicycle carriages on weekends, public holidays, and school holidays. Until the investigations are completed, Passenger Service Assistants will continue to determine the maximum number of bicycles for each service to avoid safety hazards for commuters. This entails taking into account the number of passengers on the service and the manner that cyclists board.

For your information, bicycles can currently be carried for free on trains during off peak trips and on weekends and public holidays, when space is available. At all other times, a peak concession fare must be purchased for the bicycle. This policy seeks a balance between accommodating bicycles and meeting the needs of passengers during peak load periods, including customers with a disability.

Yours sincerely

*Tom Koutsantonis*  
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

7 July 2022