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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 5 December 2022.

Your application seeks access to:

*“A copy of all correspondence between the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Member for Waite, between 21 March 2022 to 31 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 10 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 5 documents; copies of which are enclosed.  
I grant you access in part to 5 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

**Documents Released in Full**

2, 3, 5, 6 and 8

**Documents Released in Part**

1, 4, 7, 9 and 10

**Documents Released in Part**

Documents 1, 4, 7, 9 and 10 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.

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

Yours sincerely



**Carly McNeill**  
Accredited FOI Officer

17 / 2 / 2023

## Schedule of Documents

22MIT4555 - Correspondence between Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Member for Waite

Doc. No.	Date	Description of Document	# of pages	Determination Recommendation	Exemption Clause	Reason
1	6/08/2022	Final letter	1	Released in part		
2	22/07/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
3	18/07/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
4	7/07/2022	Final letter	1	Released in part		
5	28/06/2022	Incoming letter	3	Released in full		
6	20/06/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
7	20/06/2022	Incoming letter	3	Released in part		
8	20/05/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
9	27/04/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in part		
10	19/04/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in part		

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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*

**Catherine Hutchesson MP**  
Member for Waite

*22* July 2022

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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 regarding concerns raised relating to the safety of the Northcote Road and Shepherds Hill Road intersection in Eden Hills. This is an issue that has been widely conveyed to me by Waite constituents and members of the Blackwood High School and Blackwood Primary School communities.

I understand the concerns relate to the excessive build up of cars at this intersection around school drop-off and pick-up times due to the high volume of traffic on Shepherds Hill Road. This causes safety issues for students and parents crossing this intersection, and also has the potential to block truck access from the Eden Hills CFS, located on Northcote Road.

Traffic congestion relating to accessing and departing Blackwood High School and Blackwood Primary School will soon be further increased with the opening of a new childcare centre on Shepherds Hill Road.

Potential solutions raised with me include the installation of traffic lights with CFS control and added pedestrian crossings to promote pedestrian safety and traffic flow at the Northcote Road/Shepherds Hill Road intersection.

It would be appreciated if a review of the Northcote Road/Shepherds Hill Road intersection and wider pedestrian access points along Shepherds Hill Road could be conducted.

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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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
By Email: [minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Tom.*

I would like to bring your attention concerns about Upper Sturt Road which runs along the Western and Southern sides of Belair National Park.

I have attached photographs showing the state of some parts of the road which seem to need attention.

In addition to general maintenance requirements, residents have noted:

- A need for better pedestrian access from Glenalta to the Belair National Park
- The entrance to Belair National Park pools with water on the Northern side of the intersection.
- The entrance to Caravan Park water has been reported to pool across the road
- Poor visibility exiting Elizabeth Avenue on to Upper Sturt Road

Are any works scheduled along Upper Sturt Road to address these concerns?

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss matters relating to this part of Waite with your Department.

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*

**Catherine Hutchesson MP**

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*28* June 2022

Encl. Photographs of Upper Sturt Road surfaces

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
By Email: [minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, *Tom,*

I write to you on behalf of my constituents who utilise the Old Belair Road and James Road network.

Thank you for meeting with the Friends of Old Belair Road group in April and taking the time to learn more about the issues surrounding this area.

I understand the independent analysis of this part of our road network will be completed by the end of this month and presented to Infrastructure SA.

Could you please let me know what the next steps will be following Infrastructure SA's analysis?

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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*20* June 2022

Encl. Correspondence from [constituent name (attach their email to your email)]

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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



**RELEASE IN PART**

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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Dear Ms Hutchesson

*Catherine,*

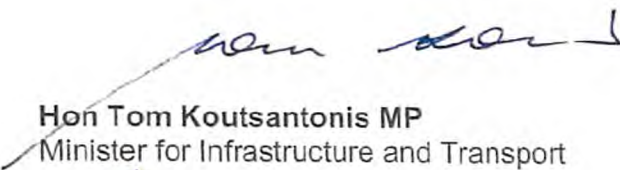
Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr [REDACTED] about the condition of Old Belair Road.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises the condition of Old Belair Road is outside the scope of the review being undertaken by Infrastructure SA (ISA). This review is currently being finalised with its findings to be made available in the near future.

However, after sending Mr [REDACTED] concerns to the Department, an inspection of Old Belair Road was undertaken on 10 June 2022, which confirmed significant longitudinal cracking. Accordingly, crack sealing has been scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2022, weather permitting and will include an assessment of the embankment stability.

Please be assured that Old Belair Road will continue to be regularly inspected with any minor repairs made to ensure the road is maintained in a safe condition for all road users.

Yours sincerely

  
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

6<sup>th</sup> August 2022

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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*Catherine,*  
Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Ms [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

# Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
By Email: [minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister, <sup>Tom</sup>

I write to you regarding Main Road Coromandel Valley, which ventures South into the electorates of Davenport and Heysen.

I recently received correspondence from the **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** whose letter I have attached.

The recent budget confirmed \$10M is to be spent South of Blacks Road where road widening, and other works are desperately needed. This is welcome news to Waite residents who have waited for this RAA identified trouble spot to be addressed.

The stretch of Main Road in Waite is also in need of attention. As the **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** points out, a different set of road treatments are required. Many more vehicles use this road as they feed in from Aberfoyle Park and Flagstaff Hill on their way into Blackwood or the City.

I would like to learn what scheduled plans DIT have for the Waite stretch of Main Road. Further to this, I seek the opportunity to share my concerns about this part of my electorate with your office.

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 MP

Member for Waite

20 June 2022

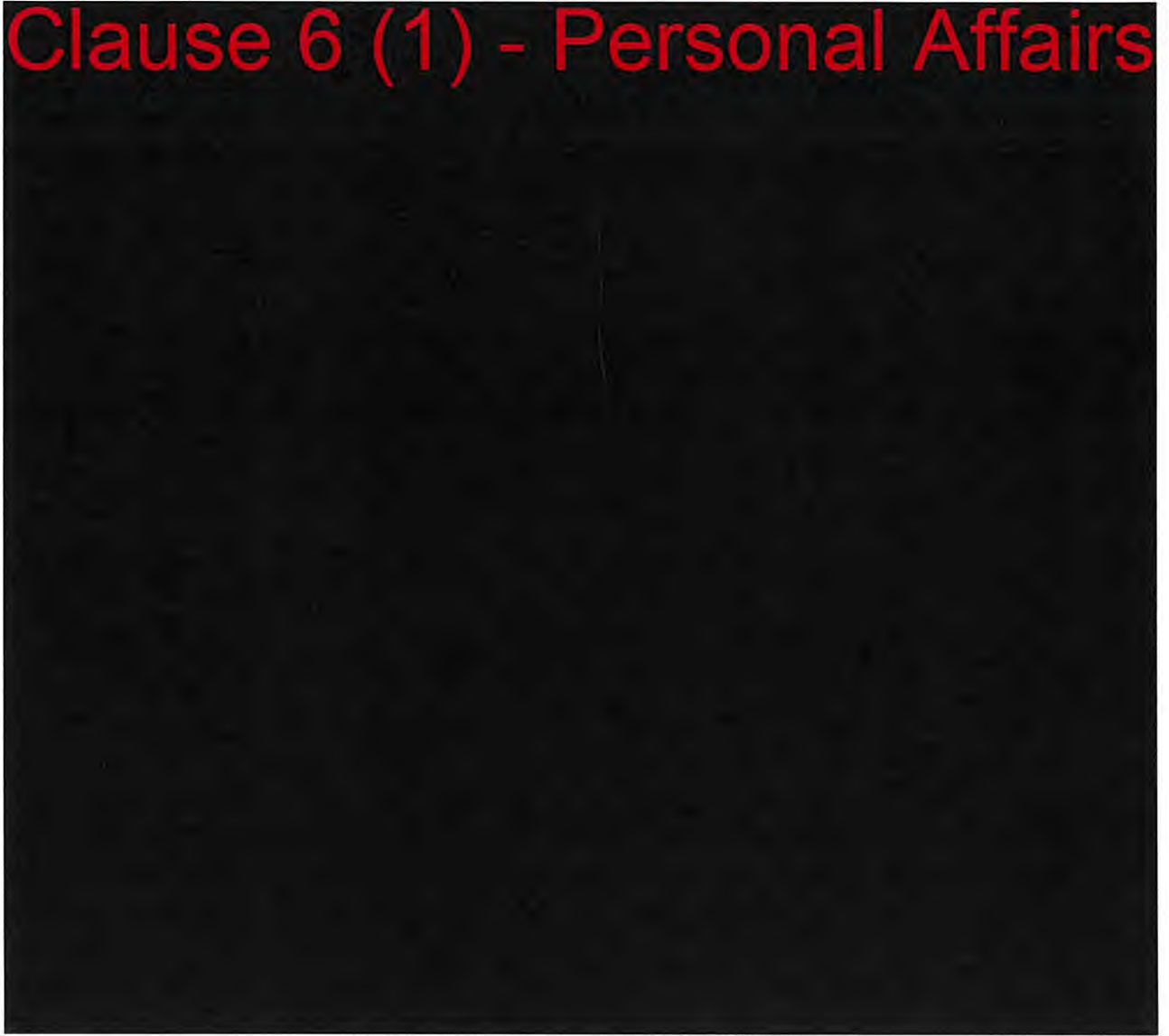


# Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs





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# 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.

Ms [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.

Ms [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

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Hon Tom Koutsantonis  
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Dear Minister

Mr [REDACTED] a member of the Waite community has raised concerns with me regarding the condition of the Old Belair Road. The issue is the number of cracks, which shows a clear deterioration of the road. This may result in road slippage.

It is important that this be included in the terms of reference for the corridor infrastructure SA review to ensure that the road is currently safe and fit for purpose.

Please provide me with any information related to Old Belair Road and the review so I can respond to Mr [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

*Catherine Hutchesson*

**Catherine Hutchesson MP**  
**Member for Waite**

19 April, 2022

