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Dear Ms Girolamo

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

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 31 August 2023.

Your application seeks access to:

*“All correspondence received from the Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP, and any responses (Member initiated) and correspondence sent by the Minister to the Member (Minister initiated) including responses to that correspondence. The correspondence in scope is correspondence relating to the Minister’s portfolios, between 1/04/2023 to 30/06/2023.”*

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 15 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in part to 15 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

### **Documents Released in Part**

Documents 1 – 15 are all released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Light electorate 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

3 / 10 /2023

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Dear Mr Piccolo

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2023, on behalf of Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about the condition of Thiele Highway from Fords to Kapunda. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that pavement patching works were undertaken in December 2022, and more recently in February 2023, to address critical pavement failures, including at the location of the truck crash. Further pavement repair works are programmed to be completed by the end of April 2023.

An assessment of this section along Thiele Highway on 3 March 2023, did not identify any defects which present an immediate safety hazard.

Whilst the roadwork signage has been removed from this location, the Department advises that signs do blow over from time to time and are reinstated across the road network during fortnightly inspections or more frequently if there are continuing issues.

Please be assured that the Department will continue to regularly inspect Thiele Highway to ensure the roadway is maintained in a safe condition for all road users.

For issues requiring immediate attention, I encourage Mr Clause 6 (1) - to contact the Department's 24 hour Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313. By calling this number to directly report an issue will result in a timelier investigation and repair where required.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Mr Piccolo *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter dated 16 March 2023, on behalf of Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about a sound reflection wall along Paternoster Road, Reid.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that it takes reasonable and practicable measures to reduce the impact of traffic noise.

Noise assessment and mitigation in relation to road infrastructure works is undertaken in accordance with the Department's *Road Traffic Noise Guidelines* (RTNG).

The Department has a General Environmental Duty under Section 25 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* (EP Act) to undertake reasonable and practicable measures to avoid noise pollution.

The RTNG is the Department's response to satisfying this General Environmental Duty in relation to road traffic noise.

To minimise potential impacts of operational noise from the Northern Expressway project and in accordance with the RTNG, noise assessments of properties along the corridor were undertaken by acoustic engineers during the detailed design phase.


A range of acoustic treatment measures were implemented during 2009 and 2010, to reduce the effect of traffic noise on the local community, including the installation of fences along the property boundaries for the section of Paternoster Road, Reid, outlined in your letter.

Noise assessment and treatment is not provided in relation to increases in road traffic noise on the existing network that result from gradual increases in traffic volume over time, i.e., as a result of gradual urban growth.

Whilst I appreciate the concerns raised, where this gradual traffic volume increase is the cause of noise nuisance, the onus is upon the property owner to provide noise mitigation measures.

There are a number of noise treatments that property owners can undertake to reduce the impact of traffic noise. A publication titled *Reducing Transport Noise Impact – A Guide to Home Owners*, which outlines these measures is available on the Department's website at [bit.ly/Home Owners Guide](https://bit.ly/Home_Owners_Guide).

Yours sincerely



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

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Dear Mr Piccolo *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter dated 9 March 2023, on behalf of Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** in relation to a vehicle he purchased from an interstate auction which has since been impounded. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that on 4 November 2022, Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** attended the Department's Regency Park Vehicle Inspection Station and presented his **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** for a Tier 2 Vehicle Identity Inspection, to transfer registration from Queensland to South Australia.

During the inspection, the Department Inspector identified that the engine fitted to the **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is recorded on the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System (NEVDIS) as being stolen.

The South Australia Police (SAPOL) Crime Management Unit confirmed the stolen status and advised that further SAPOL forensic investigation was required.

Suspected and or stolen vehicles are seized by Department Inspectors as mandated in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Act* under section 139AA – 'Inspection of Motor Vehicles' and SAPOL becomes the responsible caretaker of the vehicle once it takes possession.

It is suggested that all enquiries relating to this matter should be directed to SAPOL.

Yours sincerely

*Tom Koutsantonis*  
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
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MEMBER FOR LIGHT

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
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**BY EMAIL:** minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Electronic Speed Limit Signage on Thiele Highway**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** who is concerned about the placement of electronic speed limit signage on Thiele Highway approaching northbound towards the intersection with Gray Street.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is impressed with the use of such signage, which gauges a motorist's speed as they approach an area in which the speed limit may decrease, but feels that it is too close to the corner for drivers to make effective use of it.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** has requested the sign be moved back further along Thiele Highway to give ample time for drivers to recognize the sign and adjust to the speed displayed.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** also feels that the sign should be moved back so that motorists do not attempt to rapidly reduce their speed when turning into Gray Street, as this may increase the risk of vehicular accidents.

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light

27 April 2023



**Labor Duty Member for Schubert**

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 2:47 PM  
To: DIT:Minister Koutsantonis <ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au>  
Cc: Out of Scope

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Subject: 23MIT7352 - Application for renewal of Driver Accreditation  
Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure  
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Dear Minister

Please find below an email from constituent Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

I would be very grateful if your office could investigate the matter and advise me of the outcome.

I look forward to receiving your advice.

Regards

Tony



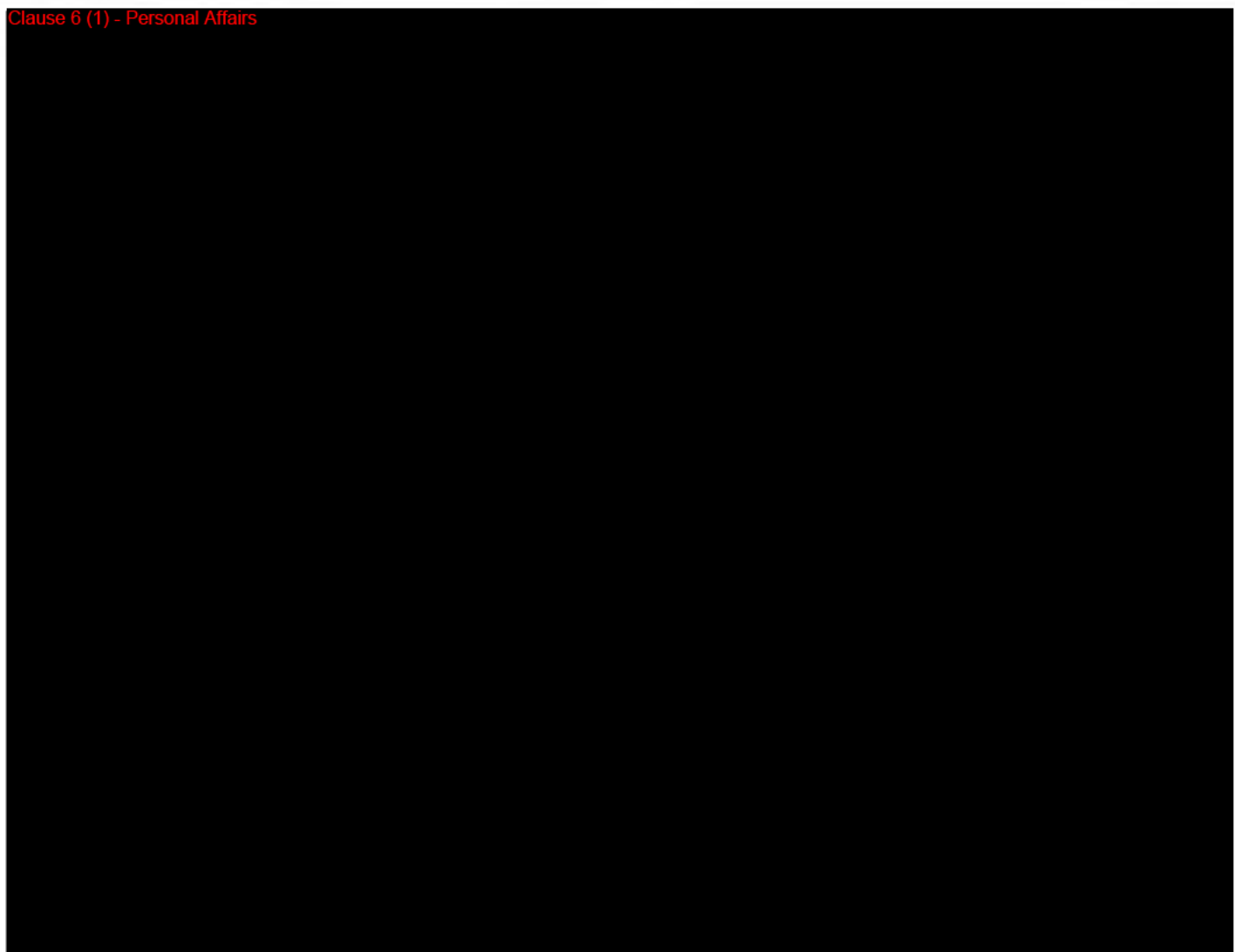
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**BY EMAIL:** ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Competency Based Training & Assessment (CBT&A) Courses**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** Gawler East.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is concerned with the short notice of the availability for Driving Instructors to sit the Car CBT&A courses.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** and completed her Car CBTA Introduction Driving Assessment course in May 2022 with the intention of becoming a certified Car CBT&A Logbook examiner.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** advised she has been waiting 12 months to complete the course as her first placement was offered on the 20/12/2022 for a course commencing 30/01/2023. Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** already had confirmed bookings with students in advance and felt there was not enough notice given for her to free her books to enrol in that course.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** has requested the Car CBT&A Logbook Examiner courses be offered with 2.5 months notice in advance in order for driving schools to manage already confirmed bookings.

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
9 May 2023



**Labor Duty Member for Schubert**



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Dear Minister

**Black Spot Program - Greenock**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Greenock.

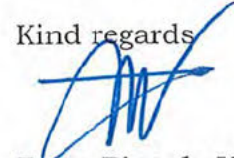
Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is concerned with the number of serious incidents and near misses recorded at the intersection of Samuel Road and Greenock Road, Greenock.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is very concerned that the intersection which is a notified Black Spot in the Black Spot Program Project for 2022-23 has yet to be addressed.

I would like to be able to provide Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** with a due date for the commencement of work on the installation of a Roundabout at this intersection.

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

  
**Tony Piccolo MP**  
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Dear Minister

**Reigning in Power Companies**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs  
Reid SA.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs is concerned with the escalating power prices and the reduction of his feed-in tariff. He believes his investment in the purchasing of solar panels has been eroded by power companies. Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs believes that the public has been misled by power companies and former governments.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs has requested information about Labors efforts to support the public regarding increasing power prices and the reduction of feed-in tariffs.

Please find **enclosed** correspondence provided to my Office by Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs concerning this matter.

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards



**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
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Dear Minister

**Freight Trains vs Freight Trucks**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** Reid.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is concerned with cost of road repairs and the possibility that freight trucks contribute to the increased road toll.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** has requested an explanation about the difference between the operating cost of freight trucks and freight trains. It would be appreciated if you could also explain to the constituent the reasons for continuing to use road freight as opposed to returning to the use of freight trains.

Please find **enclosed** correspondence provided to my Office by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** concerning this matter.

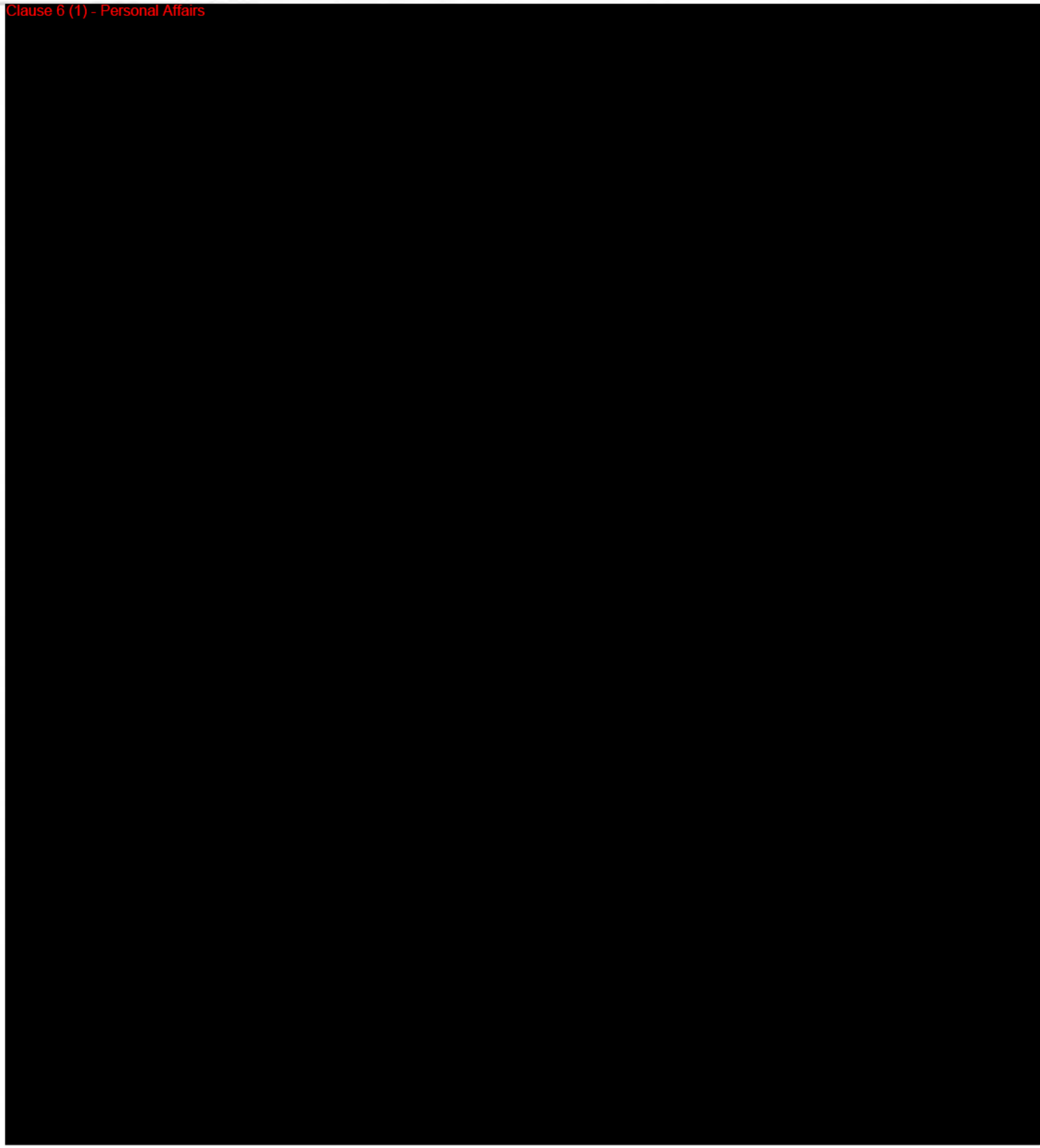
It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

  
**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
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**BY EMAIL:** minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Speed Limit Change Requested on Jack Cooper Drive**

I write to you regarding enquiries raised by **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** on 22 May 2023, at a residents' forum hosted by myself and **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs**

**Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** at this meeting, with its attendees numbering well over one hundred, indicated with unity that there are issues of safety which relate to the speed limit of Jack Cooper Drive, which is currently 80 km/h as it continues north of its intersection with Hillier Road.

Alongside the lack of infrastructure for pedestrians in the area, residents have indicated that the high speed limit makes it even more difficult for those in the **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** to leave the premises safely. Cars travelling at significant speed on this road are said to make it unsafe for both motorists and pedestrians, many of whom are also elderly, to traverse the area.

The residents have therefore requested a change in speed limit on Jack Cooper Drive, as it runs north of its intersection with Hillier Road, in which the 80 km/h speed limit would be reduced to 60 km/h. I am in agreement with the residents when they note that such a change would have significant benefits for the immediate area, particularly as an On The Run service station is being constructed along Jack Cooper Drive **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs**

It would be appreciated if you could provide information on the state of this issue and consider the feedback provided by the constituents **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs**

Thank you for considering this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**

*Member for Light*

24 May 2023



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Dear Mr Piccolo

Thank you for your letter dated 9 May 2023, on behalf of Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** from **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** about the notice of availability of Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) courses.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is of the view that the driver training industry needs reform to address the unacceptable behaviour of some members of the industry.

This view in part has stemmed from the Independent Commission Against Corruption report which makes nine recommendations to reform the operation and oversight of the driver training industry stating that the *"controls for minimising corruption in environments where services are delivered on behalf of Government by the private sector must be particularly robust and effective."*

The Department advises two training courses to become Authorised Examiners in CBT&A were offered to several Motor Driving Instructors, in December 2022, and again in January 2023.

Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** was offered a place on the January course. Two of the people who were offered places on these courses, one of whom was Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** declined. At the time, they were advised that due to the pending reform outcomes, no further course dates were scheduled.

The Department advises that it has not scheduled any further CBT&A courses currently. The scheduling of further CBT&A courses is subject to reform of the driver training industry, demand for CBT&A in the community, numbers of Motor Driving Instructors ready to do the course, availability of trainers and a venue to host the course.

Please be assured that the Department will contact Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** should a CBT&A Course become available and her feedback regarding notice of availability will be considered.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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**GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**BY EMAIL:** ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Gawler On-Demand Bus Enquiries**

I write to you regarding enquiries raised by a multitude of constituents, including over 100 attendees at the May 2023 residents forum Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs as well as others from around the Gawler area, in relation to the Gawler On-Demand Bus Service operated by Torrens Transit.

The purpose of this letter is to update you about the current state of the On-Demand Bus Service in Gawler, and inform you of the action I am taking regarding the matter.

Residents in my electorate, for a number of years now, have become increasingly dissatisfied with the On-Demand Bus Service in Gawler. Frequent complaints from constituents at my electorate have included:

- The lack of bookings available to service the community. Many residents Clause 6 (1) - Personal Clause 6 (1) - Personal and the wider Gawler area have found that the availability of the buses are incredibly stretched and hard to use consistently. Should a booking be made to initially travel to a location, constituents then take the apparently high risk of failing to secure a booking to travel back to where they came from.
- The technological aspects of the service. Residents from my Electorate have noted in abundance problems with the use of the online booking system, which have ranged from general inaccessibility to the total collapse of the system on the end of the drivers/dispatch. These issues, in accordance with the complaints received by my office, have persisted for years.



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- The failure of buses to access certain areas. A number of constituents have noted that drivers are unwilling/unable to arrive in certain areas of the community. Places like Hillier Park Residential Village, the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club and the Gawler Sport and Recreation Centre, all of which are frequently regularly by constituents, have been found inaccessible on occasion by the buses.
- And the refusal of drivers to let passengers on the bus when it is available. In the past, both myself and constituents have been informed that, should the bus (having been booked by another individual) be heading in the desired of travel and there is seating available, others can then board the bus to travel. However, as stated by a multitude of constituents at Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs and beyond, drivers have not allowed extra passengers to use the service when booked by others despite buses being nearly empty on arrival.

At the residents' forum at Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs Torrens Transit sent a representative (Area Manager Mr Alan Jones) to Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs to answer queries and offer advice on the issues raised. While he noted that technical issues are being fixed by Torrens Transit, he noted that the issues above, which indicate that the service is falling some way short of community demand, are mostly due to a lack of funding being provided by the government.

Mr Jones then indicated that this lack of funding is caused by community demand not being made evident, and in turn the residents pointed out that they had stopped using the On-Demand Bus due to the issues noted above making it high unreliable.

I would like to raise this matter with yourself for investigation and, to assist in doing so, I have asked residents Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs to complete a "bus diary" for the month of June in order to help demonstrate, in writing, both the high demand of our community for reliable public transport and the current adequacy of existing services.

Once June has ended and this data has been processed, I will be in touch once again. I look forward to discussing this matter with you further.

Kind regards



**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**

*Member for Light*

01. June 2023

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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Dear Mr Piccolo *Tony,*

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 May 2023 on behalf of your constituent, **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** regarding power prices and feed-in tariffs.

South Australia is part of the deregulated National Electricity Market. The structure of energy contracts, including fees and tariffs, is up to the individual retailer following market rules and is not subject to oversight from the South Australian Government.

Ever since the then Liberal Government privatised ETSA, the Government has had less ability to ensure the system operates in the interest of consumers. Private companies operate in ways which are in the interest of shareholders as well as customers.

The continued growth in solar generation has lowered electricity bills for thousands of South Australians but also led to the challenge of generating significantly more electricity in the middle of the day than in the past.

Wholesale electricity prices constantly fluctuate with supply and demand on the electricity grid. During the middle of the day, when consumers with solar are typically exporting, the price of electricity is very low and can sometimes even be negative.

Feed-in tariffs are effectively what a retailer pays to buy energy from a solar customer instead of buying that energy from the wholesale market. Consequently, retailers have reduced their tariffs to reflect the lower price of electricity during peak solar times. This is not a government decision.

Understandably, many householders exporting their solar energy into the grid feel it is unfair their retailer's feed-in tariff is considerably less than what the retailer charges for energy the household draws from the grid. Most feed-in tariffs from retailers are far less than 10c per kilowatt hour but the retailer may charge well above 30c per kilowatt hour for energy they sell to the household. However, it is useful to realise the comparison is not like-for-like.

Residential electricity bills bundle together several components to reach the price charged to the household. The Australian Energy Market Commission's most recent report on prices estimated an average SA bill comprised the cost of wholesale power (31.5%) plus network costs for poles and wires and metering (46%), environmental policies (8.5%), costs of the retailer providing a service and a retailer margin (14%). The retail feed-in tariff for solar is most comparable to the wholesale component alone.

The Australian Energy Regulator has powers to ensure businesses follow the market rules, including abiding by protections for vulnerable customers.

Electricity pricing is monitored by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), and they have powers under federal energy market misconduct legislation to protect consumers from excessively high prices.

In recent years, households could further lower their bills – or even earn money – by exporting as much as possible during the day and offsetting what the household pays for electricity usage in the evening. A new conversation needs to happen about how to make even better use of solar to offset energy use.

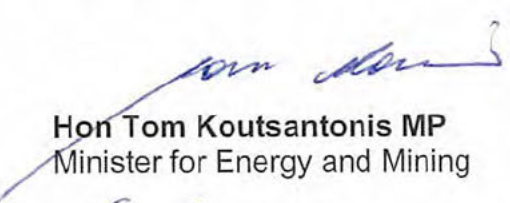
Measures like shifting as much energy use as possible to better align with daytime solar production can help achieve this. Retailers now offer time-of-use (TOU) tariffs for what they charge households – typically charging more in the morning and evening but much less in the middle of the day and late at night. Many household appliances, such as dishwashers and washing machines, can be programmed for a delayed start, and shifting more electric heating and cooling use to take advantage of a cheaper period on a TOU energy plan could offer significant savings.

Household batteries are also becoming a more economic proposition for some households as they allow for storage of excess solar to use in the evening.

The other element of the new conversation is about South Australians taking advantage of the oversupply of renewable energy and using it as a source of cheap energy. The 250MWe of hydrogen electrolyzers under our Hydrogen Jobs Plan will soak up this excess renewable energy to create green hydrogen, which will be used for renewable firming services – the process of maintaining renewable electricity production during periods of low wind and solar. This will help to better match our energy demand with supply, which will have a beneficial impact on our energy market and prices.

The South Australian Government's Energy Advisory Service is a free service that provides independent information on energy topics. I encourage Clause 6 (1)  
Personal to use this service to discuss how his solar panels can work best for him by calling 8204 1888 or emailing [energyadvice@sa.gov.au](mailto:energyadvice@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



**Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP**  
Minister for Energy and Mining

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Dear Minister

**Interlock Device Installation**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Mr Evanston.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

Mr (1) is concerned with the decision that he have an interlock device installed to his vehicle for a drink driving offence that occurred 9 years ago.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

Upon returning to South Australia, Mr (1) was informed that he would need an interlock device installed in his vehicle. Personal

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

Mr (1) has requested that his lack of reoffence and commitment to improving his life be considered when making the decision to install an interlock device into his vehicle.

Please find **enclosed** correspondence provided to my Office by Mr (1) concerning this matter. Personal

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

  
**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
June 2023



**Labor Duty Member for Schubert**





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Hon Tom Koutsantonis  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
**GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**BY EMAIL: [ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au)**

Dear Minister

**Road Safety conditions on the Northern Expressway and M2**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs**  
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Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** is concerned with the lack of line markings on the M2, and the lack of 'cat's eyes' on the length of the Northern Expressway and M2.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** believes that this is a road safety concern and has witnessed a number of near misses due to the lack of line markings and 'cat's eyes'.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** has requested that adequate line markings and 'cat's eyes' would make the Northern Expressway and M2 safer, along with a greater police presence or more speed cameras on the highway due to speeding trucks.

Please find **enclosed** correspondence provided to my Office by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** concerning this matter.

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information on the state of this issue and any proposed action planned for the future.

Kind regards

  
**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
June 2023



**Labor Duty Member for Schubert**



