



23MINFOI-0070

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Member of the Legislative Council
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Dear Ms Lensink

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION – REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991**

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) received by this agency on 30 November 2023.

You have requested access to the following:

“For the period 9 August 2023 to 30 November 2023, all documents, including but not limited to emails, text messages, diary entries, briefings, notes on any other form of communication between the Minister for Local Government, Regional Roads and Veterans Affairs, including any other staff member, and the Member for Newland and/or her office”

There are twelve (12) documents that falls within the scope of your application and are those listed in the attached document schedule.

I have determined to release Documents 01, 02, 08, 09, 10 and 11 in full and partially release Documents 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 12 under section 20(1)(a) and clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act which states:

20—Refusal of access

- (1) An agency may refuse access to a document—
(a) if it is an exempt document;...

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).

Clause 6(1)

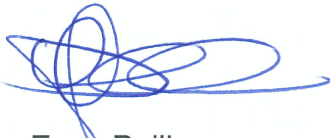
Documents 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 12 contain information that I consider to be the personal affairs of an individual, the release of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of their personal affairs. I therefore determine the information to be exempt from disclosure under clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

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, you can write a letter or send the attached form entitled *Application for Review of Determination* to the Principal Officer of this agency, the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads and Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon Geoff Brock MP.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, if you are given access to documents as a result of this FOI application, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. Any private information will be removed. A copy of PC045 can be found at www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars. If you have any objection to this publication, please contact us within 30 days.

Should you require any further information please contact me by telephone on (08) 7133 1200.

Yours sincerely



Enza Pullino
Accredited FOI Officer
Office Manager to the
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL ROADS
MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

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enc Application for Review of Determination form
Document schedule

FOI FACT SHEET

Your Rights to Review and Appeal

South Australian Freedom of Information Act 1991

Please read the information in this fact sheet before completing the attached application form

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are unhappy with a determination made by an agency (includes South Australian State Government Agency, Local Government Council or University) under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act) in relation to:

- a freedom of information (FOI) application for access to a document, or
- an FOI application for amendment to your personal records

in most cases, you are entitled to apply for an Internal Review of that determination.

Request an Internal Review

An Internal Review must be lodged within 30 calendar days of you receiving advice of a determination that you are unhappy with.

Applications must be made in writing in accordance with Section 29 or Section 38 of the FOI Act or using the attached *FOI Application Form for Internal Review of a Determination* (Internal Review Form).

An Internal Review application must be made to the Principal Officer of the agency that made the determination you are seeking to have reviewed.

How much does an Internal Review cost?

There is an application fee of **\$39.00** that must be paid when you lodge your Internal Review application if your review request is for access to documents.

There is no application fee for an Internal Review of an FOI application for amendment to your personal records.

Agencies generally accept payment by cash, money order or cheque. If you would like to pay by credit card you will need to ask the agency if they are able to accept credit card payments.

If, as a result of an Internal Review an agency changes or reverses a determination so that access to a document is, or will be, given, the agency will refund the Internal Review application fee paid by the applicant, where applicable.

What if I have a concession card or can't afford to pay?

If you are the holder of a current concession card or if you can satisfy the agency that the payment of the application fee would cause financial hardship, the agency must waive or remit (reduce or refund) it.

If you are a concession cardholder you will need to provide evidence e.g. attach a copy of your concession card when you make the application. Alternatively, you will need to give written reasons as to why the payment of a fee would cause you financial hardship.

How long does an Internal Review take?

You will be advised of the outcome of your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days of it being received by the agency.

If the agency does not deal with your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days (or you remain unhappy with the outcome of the Internal Review) you are entitled to an External Review

by the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you may apply for a review by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). See the External Review section below.

When can't I apply for an Internal Review?

If the original application determination was made by the Principal Officer of an agency rather than another accredited FOI Officer within the agency, you cannot apply for an Internal Review. However, you can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman SA or apply for a review by SACAT.

EXTERNAL REVIEW

After an Internal Review has been completed, or where you are unable to apply for an Internal Review, and you are unhappy with the determination, you have the right to apply for an External Review. All applications for External Review should be made to the Ombudsman SA.

How long will an External Review take and how much will it cost?

If you wish to make an application for an External Review you must do so within 30 calendar days after being notified of the determination. However, the Ombudsman SA can extend this time limit at their discretion. There is no fee or charge for External Reviews undertaken by the Ombudsman.

Contact Details:
Ombudsman SA Phone: 8226 8699 Toll Free: 1800 182 150 (outside metro SA) Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au

REVIEW BY SACAT

You have a right to apply for a review by SACAT if you are unhappy with:

- a determination not subject to Internal Review
- an Internal Review determination, or
- the outcome of a review by the Ombudsman SA.

You must exercise your right of review with SACAT within 30 calendar days after being advised of the above types of determinations or the results of a review.

Any costs will be determined by SACAT, where applicable.

For more information contact SACAT.

Contact Details:
South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) Phone: 1800 723 767 Email: sacat@sacat.sa.gov.au

FOI APPLICATION FORM

For Internal Review of a Determination

Under sections 29 & 38 of the South Australian *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

Please read the attached '*FOI Fact Sheet – Your Rights to Review and Appeal*'
before completing and lodging your Internal Review application

To the Principal Officer	
Name of the Agency:	
Details of Applicant	
Surname:	
Given Names:	
Australian Postal Address:	
Suburb:	Post Code:
Emails (<i>Optional</i>):	
Contact phone numbers:	
FOI Application Reference Number (<i>if known</i>):	
Details of Internal Review	
<p>I am not satisfied with a determination made by your agency and, therefore, seek a review because:</p> <p>(<i>Please place a tick in the appropriate box</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have been refused access to a document</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have been refused access to part of a document</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have been refused a request to amend a personal document</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have been given access to a document but access has been deferred</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a third party specified in the documents but have not been consulted about giving access to another person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have been consulted but disagree with the determination to release the documents</p>	

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Fees and Charges																				
<p>An application fee of \$39.00 must be submitted with the Internal Review application form, unless you are seeking to have the application fee waived. If you are seeking to have the application fee waived, please attach evidence supporting why it should be waived, e.g. attach a copy of your concession card or other evidence as proof of financial hardship.</p> <p>An application fee is not required for an Internal Review of an FOI Amendment Application.</p> <p>In the following section please tick as appropriate</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Is the application fee attached?</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Application Fee is in the form of <small>(Do not send cash through the mail)</small></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Cheque</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Cash</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Money Order</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Do you require a fee waiver?</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Is evidence of the need to waive fees attached? <small>(e.g. a copy of your concession card)</small></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> <p>If you wish to pay your application fee via credit card you will need to ask the agency you are applying to if they accept credit card payments.</p> <p>If no application fee is attached and you do not qualify for fee waiver, the agency cannot process your application until the fee has been paid.</p> <p>If the agency varies or reverses a determination so that access to a document is, or will be, given the agency will refund any Internal Review fees paid by the applicant.</p>	Is the application fee attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			Application Fee is in the form of <small>(Do not send cash through the mail)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order		Do you require a fee waiver?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			Is evidence of the need to waive fees attached? <small>(e.g. a copy of your concession card)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
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DOCUMENT SCHEDULE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION NUMBER 23MINFOI-0070

Document Number	Description of Document	Date of Document	Author	Determination Release/Refuse Access	Schedule Clause Applied
01	Letter	14 August 2023	Acting Minister for Local Government	Full Release	NIL
02	Email	15 August 2023	Office of the Minister for Local Government	Full Release	NIL
03	Email	28 August 2023	Office of the Minister for Local Government	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs
04	Email	30 August 2023	Ms Olivia Savvas MP	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs
05	Email	30 August 2023	Office of the Minister for Local Government	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs
06	Email	4 September 2023	Office of the Minister for Local Government	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs
07	Email	4 September 2023	Ms Olivia Savvas MP	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs
08	Letter	12 October 2023	Minister for Local Government	Full Release	NIL
09	Letter	12 October 2023	Minister for Veterans Affairs	Full Release	NIL
10	Email	13 October 2023	Office of the Minister for Veterans Affairs	Full Release	NIL
11	Email	16 October 2023	Office of the Minister for Local Government	Full Release	NIL
12	Email	6 November 2023	Office of Member for Newland	Partial Release	Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 – Personal affairs



23MINLG-0502

Ms Olivia Savvas MP
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Dear Ms Savvas

You will be aware that the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock MP, is currently on extended leave. I am writing in my capacity as Acting Minister for Local Government to provide information on council rates to assist you and your Electorate Office staff in dealing with enquiries that might arise as your constituents start receiving their council rates notices over the coming weeks.

Local government is not immune from the effects of inflation, and I therefore anticipate that many councils will increase their rates significantly higher than previous years. As such, I hope that the following information is useful in responding to any concerns raised with you regarding the increasing cost of living.

COUNCILS' RATE SETTING PROCESS

Under the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) all councils are required to adopt an annual business plan and budget prior to setting their rates each year. One of the most important parts of this work is the decision that each council makes on the total amount of revenue, including rates, it needs to deliver the services and functions that, in its view, are desired by its community.

Once a council makes this decision, it then uses property valuations to determine how its ratepayers will contribute to this overall amount. Usually, ratepayers that own a more highly valued property in a council area will contribute more to this total amount than another ratepayer that has a relatively low valued property in that area.

It is often mistakenly thought that property valuations determine the level of rates, that is, that council rates automatically increase or decrease in line with changes to property value. This is not the case. Property valuations are used by councils to determine the proportion of the total rate revenue amount that each ratepayer contributes.

If property values increase, councils can decrease the rate in the dollar applied to properties to ensure that the amount of rates collected is what is needed to fund its annual business plan, rather than using increased values to generate a 'windfall' for the council.

Councils also have a wide range of tools available to them within the Act to determine a rating strategy that, in their view, best suits their community. These include differential rating (where a council may apply different rates in the dollar to different land uses or locations) and a minimum rate or fixed charge (to ensure that all ratepayers make a certain contribution to the services in the area).

Councils can also choose to moderate the impact of increased property valuations by setting a maximum increase in the general rate to be charged on any rateable land within its area that is a ratepayer's the principal place of residence.

Importantly, councils must be accountable to their communities for their rating decisions. A key element of this is the requirement under the Act for councils to consult with their community on their draft annual business plan, which includes information on proposed rating decisions. This assists each council to strike an appropriate balance between community demands for services and infrastructure and raising the revenue needed to pay for them.

The Act currently requires councils to adopt their annual business plan between 31 May and 15 August each year. When the annual business plan has been adopted, councils then declare their rates. These rates are based on property valuations that have been adopted by the council. All councils (other than the City of Adelaide) use valuations provided by the Valuer-General, which are published in the South Australian Government Gazette on the last Thursday of May each year. To enable councils to develop their draft annual business plans and rating strategies, the Office of the Valuer-General provides 'rounds' of updated valuation material to councils on a regular basis before this gazettal.

Historically, most councils adopt their plans during June and July. This is a particularly important time of year and if your constituents raise concerns with you regarding their council's rates, I encourage you to suggest that they get involved in their council's annual business plan and budget process.

INDIVIDUAL RATE RELIEF

It is important to note and inform constituents that councils also have the power to provide relief to individual ratepayers. Councils may grant a rebate of rates or service charges to provide relief due to:

- (i) a redistribution of the rates burden within the community arising from a change to the basis or structure of the council's rates; or
- (ii) a change to the basis on which the land is valued for the purpose of rating, rapid changes in valuations, or anomalies in valuations.

Councils also have the ability to assist ratepayers who may be suffering hardship, as they have the discretion to postpone payments, or remit rates in whole or in part in these circumstances.

Furthermore, eligible State Seniors Card holders can apply to a council to postpone payment of a large part of their council rates. The scheme helps older ratepayers who have a high level of equity in their home but are on limited incomes.

If any of your constituents raise concerns about their ability to pay their council rates, I suggest that you encourage and support them to approach their council directly, to discuss what rate relief measures may be available to them.

REVIEWS AND OBJECTIONS

You may also wish to alert your constituents to the fact that all councils must have procedures in place to review decisions of the council, employees of the council and other persons acting on behalf of the council. These reviews may focus specifically on the impact of a rate or service charge. Information about councils' internal review of decision procedures is generally available from each council's website.

If a ratepayer remains dissatisfied with the council's response, they may wish to consider contacting the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman also has specific powers under the Act to carry out an investigation if it appears that a council's declaration of any rate or service charge may have had an unfair or unreasonable impact on a particular ratepayer.

The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted by telephone on (08) 8226 8699 or via ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au. Further information on how to make a complaint can be found on the Ombudsman's website at www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au.

If a constituent has concerns regarding the valuation of their property, they may wish to lodge an objection to the Valuer-General within 60 days of receiving the first rates notice for the financial year. There is no fee for lodging an objection. Further information about lodging an objection is available by telephone on 1300 653 346 or at www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing/owning-a-property/objecting-to-a-property-valuation.

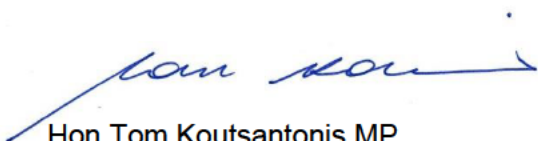
OTHER INFORMATION

The Councils in Focus website at councilsinfocus.sa.gov.au provides detailed information about each council's revenue and expenditure so that ratepayers can see how their council compares both with similar councils and with the state average on a range of functions. This website provides valuable information to support ratepayers' engagement with their council.

Additionally, you may be aware that a new scheme has now been established in which the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) provides independent advice to councils on their revenue and rating decisions within the context of their long-term financial planning. This advice should help to inform and assure ratepayers that the rating decisions made by their council each year are reasonable. Further information on this scheme can be located on ECOSA's website at www.escosa.sa.gov.au/advice/advice-to-local-government. A list of the first tranche of councils which have been provided with this independent advice is enclosed.

I have enclosed a fact sheet produced by the Local Government Association of SA which I trust, together with the information above, is of assistance to you and your constituents.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
ACTING MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

14 / 08 / 2023

encl List of councils provided with ESCOSA Local Government Advice in 2022-23
Local Government Association of SA Fact Sheet - Council Rates and Property Values

Attachment 1

Councils Provided with ESCOSA Local Government Advice in 2022-2023

1. Adelaide Hills Council
2. Adelaide Plains Council
3. Barunga West Council
4. City of Burnside
5. Regional Council of Goyder
6. Kingston District Council
7. Mid Murray Council
8. Rural City of Murray Bridge
9. City of Port Lincoln
10. City of Prospect
11. City of Salisbury
12. City of West Torrens
13. Wattle Range Council
14. District Council of Yankalilla
15. Yorke Peninsula Council



Council rates and property values explained*

Council programs and services in South Australia are funded predominately by council rates. Council rates are a form of property tax, not a fee for service. Property taxes are generally considered a 'fair' tax in that rate payers contribute proportionally based on the value of their property (and people who have lower property values pay a proportionately lower amount). Local government is responsible for less than 4% of the total tax collected nationally.

Many council activities are provided for the benefit of all community members, as such there is not a direct link between the amount of rates paid by a property and the level of council services received. Councils work to balance the needs and desires of their communities with the impact of those choices on current, and future, ratepayers.

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How does the annual budget process work?

A council begins their annual budgeting process by determining the services and programs it needs to provide and the assets and infrastructure that need to be built, updated or maintained. This will then determine the total budget needed.

Councils have three main sources of revenue to fund the delivery of these services and programs: council rates (taxation on property); fees and charges (ie. permit fees, fines and infringements); and grants and subsidies (from other levels of government).

Councils will estimate the revenue to be received from sources such as State and Commonwealth Government funding and from other fees and charges. By using these estimates a council can calculate the amount it needs to collect in rates revenue to meet its financial responsibilities for the coming year.

Councils use property valuations to calculate each property's contribution to the required rate revenue total. To do this (in simple terms), they calculate the 'rate in the dollar'. This is done by dividing the required rate revenue by the total value of rateable properties. The 'rate in the dollar' is then multiplied by the value of the property to establish the rate contribution for that property.

Councils do not automatically receive more money because property values increase but this may alter how rates are apportioned across each ratepayer.

Once a property's contribution to general rates has been determined, any other applicable rates and charges (including the South Australian Government's Regional Landscapes Levy which is not retained by councils) are then added to determine the total amount payable on a property.

Councils do not automatically receive more money because property values increase but this may alter how rates are apportioned across each ratepayer.

How are property values determined?

Each year, the Valuer-General of South Australia independently and objectively determines site and capital values for every rateable property in the state (referred to as the General Valuation). Property valuations may increase or decrease each year depending on changes to the property and other market influences.

Councils may use valuations provided by the Valuer-General or a valuer authorised under the Land Valuers Act 1994 engaged by the council. The vast majority of councils in SA use capital value (with the exception of a small number of regional councils who currently use site value and the City of Adelaide who use annual value) and adopt valuations from the Valuer-General (with the exception of the City of Adelaide who undertake their own valuations and City of Port Adelaide Enfield who undertake their own valuations for commercial and industrial and vacant land).

What if I don't agree with the property valuation?

When you receive your rates notice and you disagree with the value of your property, you may lodge a written objection within 60 days following receipt of the first rates notice. Information on how to do this is on the back of the rates notice.

How do I have a say on council budgets?

Councils prepare Annual Business Plans, which includes revenue sources, infrastructure needs, service needs and what the council believes the community can afford in rates. Unlike other levels of government, councils release these plans for community consultation prior to being adopted. This process generally takes place around April to June. Keep an eye on your council's website or social media pages to keep informed on when these opportunities are happening in your council area.

**The process has been simplified and applies generally to local government in South Australia, for information relating to the rating policy of a specific council please refer to the website of the council in question.*



'rate in the dollar'



Example:

A council calculates that in order to provide all the services and programs for the coming financial year (e.g. road reseals, building maintenance, parks and gardens, coastal protection, waste and recycling, public health programs, libraries, community events and other programs that create accessible and inclusive communities) they need a total budget of **\$65m**.

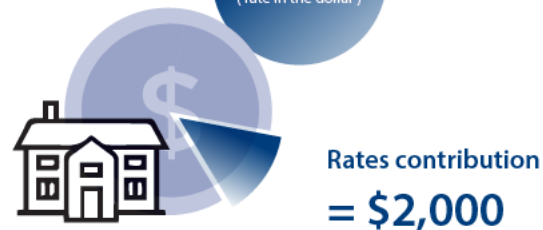
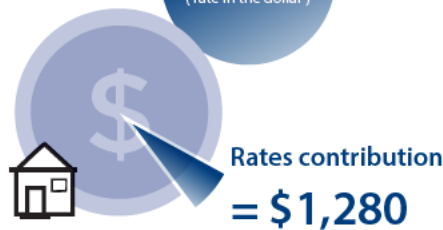
They estimate that they will receive around **\$17m** from fees and charges and **\$8m** in grants and subsidies from the State and Commonwealth Governments. This means that they need to collect **\$40m** in council rates.

Councils use property valuations to calculate each ratepayer's contribution to the required rate revenue total. The total rates paid by the community will equal the amount set in the budget.

To do this, they calculate the 'rate in the dollar'. This is done by dividing the required rate revenue by the total value of rateable properties, e.g.



The 'rate in the dollar' is then multiplied by the value of a property to establish the rate contribution for each property, e.g.



Rates are calculated on the value of a property. Higher value properties (relative to others within a council area) will contribute more in rates than lower value properties.



Councils adjust the 'rate in the dollar' each year to react to changes in property values. Councils do not automatically receive more money because property values increase but this may alter how rates are apportioned across each ratepayer (ie. some people may pay more or less rates, this is dependent on the change in value of their property relative to the overall valuation changes across the council area).



Once a property's contribution to general rates has been determined, any other applicable rates and charges (e.g. Community Wastewater Management Scheme charge, waste collection service rate and/or the South Australian Government's Regional Landscapes Levy) are then added to determine the total amount payable on a property (ie. the amount on the rate notice).



Rates contribution

Other fees & charges

Rates Notice

DIT:Minister Brock

From: DIT:Minister Brock
Sent: Tuesday, 15 August 2023 10:00 AM
To: newland@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: 23MINLG-0502 - Ministerial Correspondence - SAVVAS MP, Olivia
Attachments: 23MINLG-0502 - Ministerial Correspondence - SAVVAS MP, Olivia.pdf
Categories: Local Government

Document 02

OFFICIAL

Good morning

Please find attached a letter from the Acting Minister for Local Government, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP.

Kind regards

Office of the Hon Geoff Brock MP

Minister for Local Government | Minister for Regional Roads | Minister for Veterans Affairs

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We acknowledge and respect Aboriginal peoples as South Australia's first peoples and nations, we recognise Aboriginal peoples as traditional owners and occupants of land and waters in South Australia and that their spiritual, social, cultural and economic practices come from their traditional lands and waters; and they maintain their cultural and heritage beliefs, languages and laws which are of ongoing importance; We pay our respects to their ancestors and to their Elders.

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Lawrie, Lia (DIT)

From: Pullino, Enza (DIT) Document 03
Sent: Monday, 28 August 2023 12:54 PM
To: Newland EO
Subject: Office of the Member for Newland - Freedom of Information Consultation - 23MINFOI-0036
Attachments: 01 22MINVA-0066 - Correspondence from Olivia Savvas MP; 01a 22MINVA-0066 - Acknowledgement; 02 22MINVA-0066 - 08 Signed correspondene (24 July 2022).pdf; 02a 22MINVA-0066 - Letter from Minister Brock - Ms Olivia Savvas MP; 03 RE: Phone Message - Olivia Savvas - 11.30am 16/9; 04 22MINLG-0325 - 04 Ministerial Letter - SAVVAS, Olivia MP (4 Oct 2022).pdf; 04a 22MINLG-0325 - Ministerial Letter - SAVVAS, Olivia MP; 05 22MINVA-0112 - Ministerial Letter - SAVVAS, Olivia MP (23 oct 2022).pdf; 05a 22MINVA-0112 - Ministerial Letter - SAVVAS, Olivia MP; 06 23MINVA-0022 - Ministerial Correspondence - SAVVAS MP, Olivia (14 April 2023).pdf; 06a 23MINVA-0022 - Ministerial Correspondence - SAVVAS MP, Olivia; 07 Voice Mail (16 seconds); 08 23MINLG-0357 Constituent Enquiry - Office of Olivia Savvas MP - 170523; 09 23MINLG-0357 RE: Constituent Enquiry - Office of Olivia Savvas MP - 170523; 10 RE: 23MINLG-0357 RE: Constituent Enquiry - Office of Olivia Savvas MP - 170523

Good afternoon

The Office of the Minister for Local Government, Regional Roads and Veterans Affairs, the Hon Geoff Brock MP has received an application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) for access to documents that may concern the affairs of your office.

The attached documents fall within the scope of the FOI request. Before the attached can be provided to the applicant we require consent for it to be included. I am seeking your views as to whether or not you believe the documents are 'exempt' pursuant to Schedule 1 of the FOI Act—or for any other reason. If you do not consent, can you please provide reasons and appropriate clauses which should be applied for the determination.

Date	Doc No.	Document Type	Response	Clause	Notes/ Comments/ Rationale
23/06/2022	01	Email			
27/06/2022	01a	Letter			
25/07/2022	02	Letter			
25/07/2022	02a	Email			
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Document 08

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Dear Ms Savvas *OLIVIA*

I am pleased to advise that the recommendations of the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) for the distribution of the Australian Government Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) and the Supplementary Local Road Funding for 2023-24 to South Australian councils were approved by the Australian Government Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Kristy McBain MP, on 12 August 2023.

FA Grants across Australia will provide an estimated \$3.1 billion for 2023-24, which is an increase of 5.46 per cent over 2022-23. For South Australia, the total allocation is \$203.27 million, an increase of 5.95 per cent.

South Australia's allocation includes General Purpose Grants of \$150,699,915, an increase of 6.12 per cent from 2022-23, and Identified Local Road Grants of \$52,570,707, an increase of 5.46 per cent from 2022-23. The Identified Local Road component includes formulae-based funding of \$44,684,707 and \$7,886,000 for the Special Local Roads Program.

I am advised by Minister McBain that there was an underpayment of the General Purpose Grants of \$6,876,071 and Identified Local Road Grants of \$2,269,222 in the 2022-23 grants for South Australia. Cash grants received by councils during 2023-24 will be adjusted accordingly in proportion to the approved 2022-23 distributions.

As has been the case in recent years, a brought forward payment of the 2023-24 FA Grants was made in late June 2023. I understand 100 per cent of the 2023-24 FA Grants was brought forward, providing a total of \$202.8 million for South Australia. This included \$150.4 million in General Purpose Grants and \$52.47 million in Identified Local Road Grants.

The brought forward payment was distributed on the basis of the Commission's draft recommendations for 2023-24 to give councils immediate access to funds that can help manage the significant financial pressures being experienced at the moment.

It is also important to note that the timing of the 2023-24 brought forward payment in June 2023 and the submission of the Commission's final 2023-24 FA Grant recommendations in August 2023 resulted in a number of under and overpayments for councils for 2023-24. Adjustments for these under and overpayments will be made in 2024-25 and the Commission will contact all councils directly to advise of any required adjustments in due course.

I am also pleased to confirm that the Commission's recommendations for distribution of the 2023-24 Supplementary Local Road Funding, provided to South Australia to address the inequity in South Australia's share of the Identified Local Road Grants, has also been approved by Minister McBain. This funding will provide \$20 million to South Australia for 2023-24, including 85 per cent, or \$17 million, in Formula Grants and 15 per cent, or \$3 million, provided to the Special Local Roads Program.

In summary, the total allocation to South Australia for the 2023-24 year comprises the following components. A table of FA Grants allocated to each council is enclosed for your information (Attachment 1).

Estimated FA Grants for 2023-24

General Purpose Grant (GPG)	\$ 135,138,065
Roads (Formulae Funding - ILRG)	\$ 40,442,392
Roads (Special Local Roads Program - ILRG)	\$ 7,137,000
Total Estimated Grant for 2023-24	\$ 182,717,457
<i>Add</i> Adjustment for 2022-23 underpayment (GPG)	\$ 6,902,806
<i>Add</i> Adjustment for 2022-23 underpayment (ILRG)	\$ 1,452,267
<i>Less</i> Brought Forward Payment Paid in June 2023 (GPG)	\$ 100,962,444
<i>Less</i> Brought Forward Payment Paid in June 2023 (ILRG)	\$ 35,695,209
Remaining 2023-24 Cash Payable (rounded to the nearest dollar)	\$ 54,414,877

2023-24 Supplementary Local Road Funding

Supplementary Local Road Funding (Formulae Funding)	\$ 17,000,000
Supplementary Local Road Funding (Special Local Roads)	\$ 3,000,000
Total Supplementary Local Road Funding 2023-24	\$ 20,000,000

The General Purpose Grants and the Identified Local Road Grants are determined using different assessment methods.

To determine the recommended allocation of General Purpose Grants, the Commission assesses each council's capacity to raise revenue and their expenditure need relative to the average across South Australia.

Greater funding is directed to councils with less capacity to raise revenue from rates, (i.e., typically those councils with lower than average property values), or where services cost more to provide for reasons outside the council's control (i.e., typically those councils with higher than average expenditure needs).

The Identified Local Road Grants are distributed on the basis of road length and population, and for rural councils, road length, population and the area of the council.

The Commission, consisting of the Chair, Mr Rob Donaldson, and the Commissioners, Ms Wendy Campana and Ms Erika Vickery, makes recommendations to me each year based on its distribution methodology. This methodology is reviewed regularly by the Commission. There have been no changes to the distribution methodology for 2023-24.

The FA Grants are untied and the remaining funding for 2023-24 will be paid in four quarterly instalments, with the first instalment recently paid on 17 August 2023 and further instalments to be paid in November 2023, February 2024 and May 2024. The Supplementary Local Road Funding for South Australia for 2023-24 was also passed on to Councils on 31 August 2023.

Should you have any queries regarding the FA Grants or Supplementary Local Road Funding, please contact the Commission's Executive Officer, Mr Peter Ilee, by telephone on (08) 7133 1414 or via email to grants.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Geoff Brock MP
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Attachment 1 Summary of Local Government Financial Assistance Grants for the 2023-24 Financial Year

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Adelaide	25,746	26,120	618,501	648,037	4.78%	24.81	317,059	331,228	4.47%				935,560	979,265
Adelaide Hills	40,233	41,448	966,523	1,028,325	6.39%	24.81	859,580	906,865	5.50%		550,000		1,826,103	2,485,190
Adelaide Plains	9,655	10,461	1,405,040	1,545,545	10.00%	147.74	335,262	362,159	8.02%				1,740,302	1,907,704
Alexandrina	28,510	29,780	1,637,440	1,801,184	10.00%	60.48	763,725	812,322	6.36%				2,401,165	2,613,506
Barossa	25,449	25,878	1,331,879	1,531,661	15.00%	59.19	602,458	629,538	4.49%				1,934,337	2,161,199
Barunga West	2,571	2,676	244,805	195,844	-20.00%	73.19	249,066	262,581	5.43%				493,871	458,425
Berri Barmera	10,746	10,713	2,634,853	2,757,075	4.64%	257.36	262,069	270,201	3.10%				2,896,922	3,027,276
Burnside	45,869	46,692	1,101,917	1,158,429	5.13%	24.81	593,807	618,567	4.17%				1,695,724	1,776,996
Campbelltown	53,084	56,013	1,275,245	1,389,683	8.97%	24.81	662,798	707,813	6.79%				1,938,043	2,097,496
Ceduna	3,401	3,650	2,069,249	2,146,120	3.71%	587.98	549,337	580,432	5.66%				2,618,586	2,726,552
Charles Sturt	121,065	124,906	2,908,364	3,098,918	6.55%	24.81	1,516,153	1,598,895	5.46%				4,424,517	4,697,813
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	9,463	9,393	1,158,865	1,332,695	15.00%	141.88	487,375	507,093	4.05%				1,646,240	1,839,788
Cleve	1,785	1,765	1,172,736	1,290,011	10.00%	730.88	493,672	517,980	4.92%				1,666,408	1,807,991
Coober Pedy	1,775	1,576	920,339	1,012,373	10.00%	642.37	59,028	57,844	-2.01%				979,367	1,070,217
Coorong *	5,400	5,569	2,360,029	2,289,229	-3.00%	411.07	821,092	863,884	5.21%	1,750,500	17,000	983,000	4,931,621	4,153,113
Copper Coast	15,352	15,652	2,057,949	2,263,744	10.00%	144.63	415,095	434,814	4.75%		391,000		2,473,044	3,089,558
Ellistown	1,004	1,037	804,045	884,450	10.00%	852.89	512,523	539,034	5.17%				1,316,568	1,423,484
Flinders Ranges	1,701	1,682	1,306,236	1,346,726	3.10%	800.67	375,015	393,185	4.85%				1,681,251	1,739,911
Franklin Harbour	1,309	1,323	1,111,795	1,152,252	3.64%	870.94	273,512	287,307	5.04%	1,063,000	770,000		2,448,307	2,209,559
Gawler	25,161	26,123	1,914,698	2,106,168	10.00%	80.63	416,427	440,116	5.69%		65,000		2,331,125	2,611,284
Goyder	4,174	4,134	2,499,216	2,499,217	0.00%	604.55	807,793	766,718	-5.08%	200,000			3,507,009	3,265,935
Grant	8,646	8,925	1,787,428	1,769,554	-1.00%	198.27	422,290	444,915	5.36%		440,000		2,209,718	2,654,469
Holdfast Bay	37,806	38,061	908,220	944,293	3.97%	24.81	460,302	478,741	4.01%				1,368,522	1,423,034
Kangaroo Island	5,108	5,084	2,104,274	2,265,045	7.64%	445.52	505,305	528,657	4.62%	1,340,000	700,000		3,949,579	3,493,702
Karoonda East Murray	1,095	1,028	1,321,697	1,369,791	3.64%	1,332.48	425,030	445,297	4.77%				1,746,727	1,815,088
Kimba	1,041	1,057	1,100,090	1,210,098	10.00%	1,144.84	377,540	396,814	5.11%				1,477,630	1,606,912
Kingston	2,397	2,389	345,268	258,950	-25.00%	108.39	312,718	327,619	4.76%		495,000		657,986	1,081,569
Light	15,626	16,332	928,494	1,207,042	30.00%	73.91	524,869	557,136	6.15%	721,000			2,174,363	1,764,178
Lower Eyre Peninsula	5,851	6,100	660,063	681,716	3.28%	111.76	525,608	554,428	5.48%		940,000		1,185,671	2,176,144
Loxton Waikerie	11,780	11,928	3,933,968	4,327,366	10.00%	362.79	912,504	954,423	4.59%		5,000		4,846,472	5,286,789
Marion	94,927	96,658	2,280,446	2,398,085	5.16%	24.81	1,213,464	1,270,544	4.70%	142,500	348,000		3,636,410	4,016,629
Mid Murray	9,160	9,415	3,671,327	4,032,325	9.83%	428.29	818,986	861,529	5.19%				4,490,313	4,893,854
Mitcham	67,696	68,403	1,626,273	1,697,078	4.35%	24.81	939,046	979,880	4.35%				2,565,319	2,676,958
Mount Barker	38,975	41,059	1,054,972	1,156,813	9.65%	28.17	795,479	855,026	7.49%				1,850,451	2,011,839
Mount Gambier	27,421	27,771	3,540,667	3,710,015	4.78%	133.59	495,640	514,947	3.90%				4,036,307	4,224,962
Mount Remarkable	2,908	2,915	1,795,662	1,887,084	5.09%	647.37	460,923	483,529	4.90%				2,256,585	2,370,613
Murray Bridge	22,905	22,554	3,858,590	4,220,087	9.37%	187.11	615,220	630,430	2.47%				4,473,810	4,850,517
Naracoorte Lucindale	8,502	8,928	2,920,014	2,832,413	-3.00%	317.25	601,034	635,577	5.75%				3,521,048	3,467,990
Northern Areas	4,650	4,671	1,551,101	1,706,212	10.00%	365.28	503,248	527,221	4.76%				2,054,349	2,233,433
Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	36,930	38,001	887,175	942,805	6.27%	24.81	441,357	464,770	5.30%				1,328,532	1,407,575
Onkaparinga	175,711	178,546	6,862,268	6,862,268	0.00%	38.43	2,973,239	3,116,999	4.84%	787,000	805,000		10,622,507	10,784,267
Orroroo Carrieton	839	890	1,061,431	1,100,054	3.64%	1,236.02	318,554	335,406	5.29%				1,379,985	1,435,460
Peterborough	1,650	1,670	1,382,635	1,432,946	3.64%	858.05	304,370	319,668	5.03%				1,687,005	1,752,614
Playford #	98,120	103,420	12,477,761	13,725,537	10.00%	132.72	1,705,367	1,812,561	6.29%	983,000	930,000		15,166,128	16,468,098
Port Adelaide Enfield	129,539	135,844	3,111,936	3,370,290	8.30%	24.81	1,704,099	1,812,526	6.36%	150,000	275,000		4,966,035	5,457,816
Port Augusta	13,536	14,456	3,066,121	3,372,733	10.00%	233.31	339,990	367,336	8.04%		612,000		3,406,111	4,352,069
Port Lincoln	14,826	14,947	1,644,828	1,809,310	10.00%	121.05	276,083	281,218	1.86%				1,920,911	2,090,528
Port Pine	17,473	17,648	4,516,968	4,968,664	10.00%	281.54	581,935	607,196	4.34%				5,098,903	5,575,860
Prospect	21,925	22,741	526,707	564,204	7.12%	24.81	252,672	267,361	5.81%				779,379	831,565
Renmark Paringa	9,909	10,044	2,776,399	2,776,398	0.00%	276.42	275,303	287,390	4.39%				3,051,702	3,063,788
Robe	1,496	1,583	35,939	39,274	9.28%	24.81	135,499	143,320	5.77%				171,438	182,594
Roxby Downs	3,853	4,105	389,333	416,738	7.04%	101.52	146,390	16,704	-88.59%				535,723	433,442
Salisbury	144,160	148,003	7,781,523	8,275,951	6.35%	55.92	1,962,601	2,064,208	5.18%				9,744,124	10,340,159
Southern Mallee	2,064	2,013	1,252,993	1,298,586	3.64%	645.10	500,870	524,871	4.79%				1,753,863	1,823,457
Streaky Bay	2,226	2,254	1,606,110	1,766,721	10.00%	783.82	581,423	609,877	4.89%				2,187,533	2,376,598
Tatiara	6,803	7,040	3,313,131	3,213,737	-3.00%	456.50	690,025	726,637	5.31%		363,000		4,003,156	4,303,374
Tea Tree Gully	100,879	102,666	2,423,433	2,547,143	5.10%	24.81	1,379,558	1,444,577	4.71%				3,802,991	3,991,720
Tumby Bay	2,756	2,889	481,358	481,359	0.00%	166.62	323,960	341,733	5.49%				805,318	823,092
Unley	38,915	39,085	934,861	969,699	3.73%	24.81	458,301	475,809	3.82%				1,393,162	1,445,508
Victor Harbor	15,996	16,720	384,275	414,823	7.95%	24.81	344,365	367,460	6.71%				728,640	782,283
Wakefield	6,807	6,958	2,132,789	2,213,803	3.80%	318.17	660,788	694,473	5.10%				2,793,577	2,908,276
Walkerville	7,990	8,179	191,945	202,921	5.72%	24.81	96,343	101,150	4.99%				288,288	304,071
Wattle Range	12,106	12,163	3,298,971	3,265,982	-1.00%	268.52	673,867	704,239	4.51%				3,972,838	3,970,221
West Torrens	61,077	63,105	1,467,262	1,565,635	6.70%	24.81	758,682	800,739	5.54%				2,225,944	2,366,374
Whyalla	21,260	21,894	4,729,141	5,202,056	10.00%	237.60	464,141	474,480	2.23%		180,000		5,193,282	5,856,536
Wudinna	1,299	1,164	1,370,089	1,507,098	10.00%	1,294.76	495,940	518,590	4.57%				1,866,029	2,025,688
Yankalilla	5,839	5,998	236,829	236,829	0.00%	39.48	206,918	217,705	5.21%				443,747	454,534
Yorke Peninsula	11,374	11,922	1,134,686	1,134,685	0.00%	95.18	1,015,873	1,072,688	5.59%				2,150,559	2,207,373
Outback Communities Authority	2,888	2,832	1,809,131	1,919,780	6.12%	677.89	-	-						

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23MINVA-0131

Ms Olivia Savvas MP
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Dear Ms Savvas *OLIVIA*

Every year on 11 November, Australians collectively take a moment to remember those who have lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations across the globe.

In an increasingly busy and noisy world, a minute's silence is a profound sign of respect and opportunity for reflection. By pausing at 11am on 11 November, we honour those who have served their country.

I have been notified by the Australian Government Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Matt Keogh MP, that a range of posters and resources to commemorate Remembrance Day are available via the Anzac Portal at www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au.

As with previous years, these resources are intended to be shared with schools and community groups within your electorate. As the Minister for Veterans Affairs, I would sincerely appreciate you sharing this information with representatives from such organisations.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact my Ministerial Adviser for Veterans Affairs, Mr Paul Sykes, by telephone on 0402 121 241 or via email at paul.sykes@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Geoff Brock'.

Hon Geoff Brock MP
MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

12 / 10 / 2023

DIT:Minister Brock

From: DIT:Minister Brock
Sent: Friday, 13 October 2023 9:10 AM
To: newland@parliament.sa.gov.au
Subject: 23MINVA-0131 - Ministerial Correspondence - SAVVAS MP, Olivia
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Categories: Veterans' Affairs

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Good morning

Please find attached a letter from the Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Hon Geoff Brock MP.

Kind regards

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Categories: Local Government

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Good morning

Please find attached a letter from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Geoff Brock MP.

Kind regards

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DIT:Minister Brock

From: Newland EO <Newland@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 6 November 2023 12:14 PM
To: DTI:Office of Minister Champion
Subject: Enquiry on behalf of **Clause 6(1)** - RE: **Clause 6(1)**

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Dear Minister's Office,

As discussed, the resident below, **Clause 6(1)** has experienced difficulties trying to request the renumbering of his property. **Clause 6(1)** purchased a property that was built on a sub-division. In order to build two houses on the land the frontages of the properties were relocated along another street which has caused confusion for people who are trying to visit or deliver parcels.

Could your office please enquire about the correct process to request the renumbering of a property or any advice that will assist **Clause 6(1)**.

Kind regards,

Sav Ly | Office Manager

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MEMBER FOR NEWLAND



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From: **Clause 6(1)** <**Clause 6(1)**>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Newland EO <Newland@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Fw: **Clause 6(1)** address

Hi Guys please find the email below which I sent to **Clause 6(1)** at **Clause 6(1)** in relation to street numbering affecting my house at the corner of **Clause 6(1)**.

I visited your office last week in relation to this and was asked to forward this correspondence for your reference.

Council has asked me to write to the ceo in order to escalate this issue if you could possibly write on my behalf.

There seems to be a lot of resistance to renumbering the street, presumably because there is expectation that the 5 existing houses that will be affected might want to squeal. Nobody likes going to the dentist but we endure the temporary discomfort for the good of long term benefit. The current street numbering is demonstrably inadequate and needs to be fixed not just because my house is difficult to find, they all are, i know they are because people come to my house looking for other houses so there is a significant problem on this street and at this intersection particularly. Add the subdivision of **Clause 6(1)** to **Clause 6(1)** and we have even more mess.

A few months ago **Clause 6(1)** from **Clause 6(1)** came to my house for cctv footage from my cameras and commented on how difficult my address was to understand. Everybody, including highly experienced police, has some degree of difficulty finding houses in this vicinity. I would really like to see this issue taken seriously and given the care it deserves, regardless of how lengthy the process is.

regards

Clause 6(1)
Clause 6(1)

From: **Clause 6(1)**
Sent: Monday, 24 July 2023 6:11 PM
To: **Clause 6(1)** **Clause 6(1)**
Subject: **Clause 6(1)** street address

Hi **Clause 6(1)** we spoke in late 2020 regarding street numbering for **Clause 6(1)**, and again today when I called to follow up on progress from that original call.

I originally called you because some of the correspondence I received from council was making reference to **Clause 6(1)** but I had only known my address as **Clause 6(1)**. I was also unsure why my house would even be called **Clause 6(1)** when the neighbour to my right is called **Clause 6(1)**, because it was and still is my understanding that As and Bs would usually be numbered from left to right. I was given this understanding not only by looking for houses on streets regularly as part of my plumbing work, but also because of a very clear example of this protocol having been applied to **Clause 6(1)**, where the original owner of **Clause 6(1)** subdivided their front yard. when they did that, they were forced by council to renumber themselves as **Clause 6(1)** so that **Clause 6(1)** would be the first house, **Clause 6(1)** would be the second house, and they as the third house would be **Clause 6(1)** despite having already been **Clause 6(1)** for several decades.

Since living here at **Clause 6(1)**, i have had countless doorknocks from pizza deliveries, tradesmen, australia post, and couriers looking for **Clause 6(1)**. despite giving delivery drivers and visitors to my own place very specific information about how to find my house on the **Clause 6(1)** with my front door and driveway being on **Clause 6(1)**, the vast majority of people end up at neighbours houses or in my backyard.

In talking with you, it has become apparent that a subdivision at the corner of **Clause 6(1)** has been assigned street numbering which will without any doubt cause extreme confusion to people looking for my house or my neighbour's house at **Clause 6(1)**, because they have been assigned **Clause 6(1)**. This solution to the street numbering is a quick and dirty band-aid solution and will without any doubt cause much difficulty in finding the correct house. from an administrative point of view it would seem simple to find houses numbered as proposed, but having lived here for 18 months I know that in practice, the existing house numbering has already proven surprisingly difficult for people to understand, the addition of more number **Clause 6(1)** will certainly increase the difficulty.

My call to you today was prompted by frustration at the number of times people have had so much trouble finding my house or a neighbour's house that they have ended up at the wrong house, and I had hoped to find out about progress in relation to renumbering **Clause 6(1)**, and assigning me a **Clause 6(1)** address in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard for street numbering which you and I spoke about in 2020. Unfortunately the escalation that you attempted to begin did not progress because your line manager did nothing when you sent communication to have it looked at.

Could you please do whatever you can to see that **Clause 6(1)** numbering is given the attention it needs in order to meet australian standards and to improve clarity to people looking for an address in the vicinity of **Clause 6(1)** and **Clause 6(1)**.

regards

Clause 6(1)
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