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Hon Corey Wingard MP  
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Dear Minister

**Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy**

As we approach the final stages of the Gawler Rail Electrification Project, I would like to seek an update from you regarding the restoration and relocation of the historic Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy.

The canopy is a heritage item, which previously stood over one of the platforms at the Gawler Railway Station but was removed as part of the rail electrification project.

The heritage of the rail precinct is very important to the town and the ongoing uncertainty of the future of the rail canopy needs to be resolved.

You would be aware that the previous Labor Government committed to reinstating the canopy during the electrification project.

I understand that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport have been investigating possible options including whether the canopy will stay on the site or be relocated elsewhere.

Given the heritage value of the canopy is derived from the fact that it was manufactured, constructed and installed in Gawler, that is where it should be reinstated. I am told that the canopy frame was manufactured at the James Martin Foundry in Gawler.

While the electrification of the line might prevent it from being reinstated over the platform, the canopy should be rebuilt in an appropriate position on the Gawler Railway Station site.

I look forward to receiving your advice on the matters I have raised.

Yours sincerely

**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**  
 Member for Light  
 12 August 2021



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Government of South Australia  
Department for Infrastructure  
and Transport

TO MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT  
FOR NOTING/APPROVAL

RE: 21INF0870- UPDATES RELATING TO THE RESTORATION AND  
RELOCATION OF THE GAWLER RAILWAY STATION HERITAGE  
CANOPY


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Critical Date: NA

Reason: NA

RECOMMENDATION(S):

DIT'S Recommendation(s)	Initials	Minister's Response
That you consider the attached draft letter of response to the Hon Tony Piccolo, Member for Light, regarding the restoration of the historic Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy.	PA	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>

<b>Minister's Office use: Comments</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">               -----              Hon Corey Wingard MP              28/9/2021         </p>

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**ISSUE:**

On 12 August 2021, the Hon Tony Piccolo, Member for Light, wrote to you regarding the restoration of the historic Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department has engaged a heritage architect to undertake a review of options to relocate the canopy.

The investigation is underway and will be completed by the end of the year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That you consider the attached draft letter of response to the Hon Tony Piccolo, Member for Light, regarding the restoration of the historic Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy.

**SENSITIVE:** N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Yes

**MEDIA:** N/A

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

*Approved*

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21INF0870

Hon Tony Piccolo MP  
Member for Light

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Dear Mr Piccolo

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the restoration of the historic Gawler Railway Station Heritage Canopy.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

As you are aware, the Morrison and Marshall Liberal governments are jointly funding the \$715 million electrification and modernisation of the Gawler rail line, which will deliver faster, cleaner and more reliable passenger rail services for commuters of the northern suburbs.

This project is an important part of the Marshall Liberal government's record \$17.9 billion investment in road and public transport infrastructure over the next four years, more than in any other four-year period in the state's history.

Unfortunately, the former Labor government's decision just prior to the 2018 state election to go out to tender with only five per cent of the design complete and rush to award the initial contract for this project has seen many legacy problems which we are fixing.

However, I am pleased to advise that DIT has engaged a heritage architect for this significant project.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Corey Wingard in black ink.

Hon Corey Wingard MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

21/9/2021