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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 3 January 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 1/12/2022 to 31/12/2022.”

An extension was sought to the 6 March 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 2 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

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

Documents Released in Part

Documents 1 and 2 are released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Light electorate office and a staff mobile number. If released, this 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

20 / 3 / 2023



TONY PICCOLO MP
MEMBER FOR LIGHT

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

BY EMAIL: ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Public Transport Services Enquiry

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Gawler South, that I originally wrote to you about on the 8 September 2022. I have **attached** this correspondence for your reference.

As mentioned prior, Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** has asked that the Government investigate ways in which the bus service in the Barossa Valley can operate at a later time on days the Barossa Light and Gawler Football Association **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** operates.

This would help to ensure, as Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** himself has noted, that individuals will have a legitimate transport alternative to drinking and driving home from these events in the evening. At present, there are little to no public transport options available in area at these times, as well as a lack of taxi services.

On 1 November 2022, my office received correspondence from your adviser, Mr Nick Antonopoulos, whose correspondence I have also forwarded to the constituent. Mr Antonopoulos noted that Link SA costs are not subsidized under their current contract, and therefore financial support cannot be provided directly to them for, what I assume, is the service the constituent is seeking to implement.

However, Mr Antonopoulos has not actually addressed the request put forward by the constituent, and the Government's consideration of it remains unclear.

As such, I have written again to request, if possible, that information is provided regarding the feasibility of this proposal for the future, so that I can inform the constituent.

Kind regards

Hon Tony Piccolo MP
Member for Light
28 December 2022



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From: Antonopoulos, Nick (DIT) <Nick.Antonopoulos@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 November 2022 11:56 AM
To: Light EO
Subject: 22MIT2970 Barossa Valley Bus Service Enquiry

OFFICIAL

Good morning Tony and team Light

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal about extending the times of public transport services in the Barossa Valley Region.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that under the current contract conditions, LinkSA do not receive a subsidy for the provision of these services; their costs for operating the services are recouped by the fare revenue and concession reimbursements for eligible fares.

The considerable distances regional public transport services are required to travel, and the smaller population densities in outlying areas make it difficult to provide an efficient and effective regional public transport system without reasonable levels of patronage.

In June, the Department released 14 phase one regional bus service contracts for tender as part of a competitive market process, with the tender closing in October 2022. Tenders are currently being evaluated by the Department and the contract for the provision of regional bus services in the Barossa Valley Region is included in phase one of the competitive market process.

Many thanks
Nick

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From: Light EO <Light@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 8 September 2022 4:50 PM
To: DIT:Minister Koutsantonis <ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au>
Subject: 22MIT2970 Barossa Valley Bus Service Enquiry - Office of Tony Piccolo MP

Dear Minister

Please see the **attached** correspondence from Tony Piccolo MP regarding a constituent enquiry.

Kind regards

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The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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Dear Mr Piccolo *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August 2022, on behalf of Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs
Clause 6 (1) about the condition of Main North Road in Hewett and Willaston. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that a review of this section of Main North Road was undertaken which included an analysis of the road layout, traffic volumes and crash statistics. Given the information obtained, this location has not been identified for an upgrade but may be considered in the future when considering projects to receive state government funding.

For your information, previous changes to the intersection of Main North Road and Chamberlain Road have significantly improved road safety at this location. Sightlines on Main North Road are sufficient for vehicles turning right into Chamberlain Road to see oncoming vehicles and vehicles travelling on Main North Road to see a vehicle waiting to turn right.

For the intersection of Main North Road and Kingfisher Drive, safety treatments already exist in the form of a median on Main North Road. The median allows sufficient room for a vehicle turning right from Kingfisher Drive to stop and complete the turn in two stages. This allows drivers to focus on one approach, instead of timing a gap between vehicles approaching from both directions.

Furthermore, it is noted that the existing pedestrian refuge allows pedestrians to cross the road in two stages, with sufficient sightlines to cross the road safely.

With regards to stormwater drainage, the Department advises that infrastructure is inspected and cleared on a quarterly basis as part of a regular maintenance program. The side entry pit at the corner of Chamberlain Road and Main North Road was scheduled to be cleaned by the end of October 2022. The Department has advised that the pit has been cleaned.

While a review of Main North Road identified some minor pavement deterioration, this was not considered to affect the ride quality of the road or present a safety hazard for road users.

Please be assured that this location 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.


I also encourage road users to contact the Department's 24 hour Traffic Management

Centre on 1800 018 313 for issues requiring immediate attention. By calling this number to directly report an issue will result in a timelier investigation and corrective action where required.

While I appreciate receiving **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** comments in relation to footpath and landscaping beautification upgrades, local government is the vested authority responsible for these matters.

Accordingly, a departmental officer contacted the Town of Gawler (Council) on behalf of **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs**. Should they have any further queries regarding this matter, it is recommended they contact the Council directly on 08 8522 9211 and quote reference number **Clause 6 (1) - Personal**.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

1 / 12 / 2022