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Dear Ms Centofanti

APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 9 January 2023.

Your application seeks access to:

“A copy of all correspondence between the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Member for Waite, between 1/09/2022 to 3/12/2022.”

An extension was sought to the 22 February 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 12 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 9 documents; copies of which are enclosed.
I grant you access in part to 3 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

Documents Released in Full

Documents 1 – 3, 5 – 9 and 12

Documents Released in Part

Documents 4, 10 and 11 are all released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Waite electorate office and if released would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information. I therefore determine this information exempt pursuant to clause 6 to the FOI Act.

Exemption

Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Please note, in compliance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 - *Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through Freedom of Information* (PC045), details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at the following address: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. Please visit the website for further information.

No fees and charges are payable for this application.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review, in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please either write a letter or complete *Application for Review of Determination* form, to the Principal Officer of this agency, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

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

Yours sincerely



Carly McNeill
Accredited FOI Officer

8 / 3 /2023

Schedule of Documents

23MIT5159 - Correspondence between the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Member for Waite

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4	28/11/2022	Incoming letter	2	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
5	22/11/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
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8	7/11/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
9	4/11/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		
10	3/11/2022	Final letter	1	Released in part	6(1) - Unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs	
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12	2/09/2022	Incoming letter	1	Released in full		

RELEASE

Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

I write to you regarding concerns raised by Waite constituents relating to vehicle egress to Shepherds Hill Road.

Local residents have advised me of their difficulties turning right from Parham Road onto Shepherds Hill Road. This is exacerbated during peak hours as well as through drop off and pick-up times with the Blackwood Primary School and Blackwood High School and use of the nearby Pedestrian Actuated Crossings (PAC).

It would be appreciated if your department could investigate the feasibility of having "KEEP CLEAR" painted on Shepherds Hill Road across the northbound carriageway adjacent to the exit from Parham Road to allow cars to turn right.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

Catherine Hutchesson MP
Member for Waite

23 December 2022

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MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom*

I write to you on behalf of Waite constituents regarding feedback I have received relating to Main Road, Coromandel Valley.

I recently conducted a survey of Coromandel Valley residents, which has coincided with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package survey, regarding the stretch of Main Road between the Blackwood Roundabout and Black Road, Flagstaff Hill.

Enclosed is a report based on the main issues, ideas and concerns that residents have provided about this stretch of road.

These include widespread consensus on a reduction in speed from 60km/h to 50km/h in high pedestrian areas once the roadworks and resurfacing are complete, poor surface, peak time congestion and lack of safe crossings.

I would appreciate if these issues are reviewed and addressed by the Department to ensure the safety of my community along Main Road, Coromandel Valley.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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Member for Waite

7 December 2022

Encl. Main Road, Coromandel Valley Survey Report

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Main Road, Coromandel Valley

Survey respondents: 130

Main issues raised by respondents:

- **Surface.** This was the most frequent area of comment. Approximately 50 respondents mentioned a range of issues.
Respondents felt that the road is poorly maintained and needs better design of kerbs and drainage.
 - Many comments spoke of general resurfacing.
 - Poor kerbing and the need for improved drainage were noted frequently.
 - Potholes were mentioned by some.
 - Drainage came up as a safety issue for some spots. Water puddled on the road after rain was dangerous.

- **Speed.** This was the second most common area of comment. (38 comments) There was strong support for reducing the speed limit from 60kph to 50kph. This was perhaps the most consistent suggestion throughout the responses. Most wanted a general 50kph zone consistent with the suburban nature of the area. Others suggested specific areas for speed reduction eg near the school and the Duck Inn.

- **Congestion points.** Several places came up frequently for comment:
 - Access to Coromandel Primary School at drop off and pick up times – which coincide with times of heavy traffic. Cars queue on the road waiting to turn across into the school carpark. Respondents suggested a bridge or underpass to increase safety and reduce congestion.
 - The Coromandel Valley bakery shopping centre came in for frequent comment. This and the school were the two hottest spots for criticism
 - Bus stops. There were a range of comments on the need to widen them so that buses could fully pull of the road. Stop 38E was one mentioned.

- **Crossings.** Comments ranged from zebra crossings to underpasses or bridges. Most were of the former kind. Places identified included:
 - Coromandel Valley Primary School – top of the list with a range of comments
 - Shops car park. Zebra crossing
 - Near the Coromandel Valley Institute/Sandow Crescent corner. A lot of people and school students seek to cross here from the bike path or to get buses. (Bus stop 38 east was criticised as dangerous – with only a narrow gap between buss exit and hillside.)
 - Duck Inn/bakery linking to the linear park. An underpass was one suggestion.

- **Line of sight**
 - **Vegetation.** Some respondents suggested the need for some pruning of overhanging or obtruding trees or other vegetation at some key points where the road bends. Example: McNamara Rd/Main Rd intersection.
 - **Car parks and parking.** Some respondents reported problems with cars parked in certain areas making it hard for drivers trying to enter Main Road. The Coromandel bakery precinct was most often mentioned. Some respondents wanted parking there restricted.

- **Key problem intersections**
 - ***Oakdene Ave/Main Rd.** Overwhelmingly (17 comments) this was identified as a problem spot for a range of issues: poor visibility for cars seeking to enter Main from Oakdene caused by cars parked around the bakery precinct is the main one. There were calls for no parking there or parking restrictions. Several suggested removing the layby area there.
 - ***Coromandel Valley Primary School.** (15 comments) School drop-off and pick-up congestion was a concern for both traffic and pedestrian/student safety. A slip lane was one suggestion.
 - **Winns Rd/Main Road.** Realigning the corner or installing a roundabout were suggested. At least 7 respondents commented on this corner as a safety concern.
 - **Red Road/Main Road.** 4 comments.
 - **McNamara Rd/Main Rd.** 3 comments.
 - **Watahuna/Main Rd.** 2 comments. One suggested a roundabout.
 - **East Tce/Main Rd.** 2 comments. There isn't enough room for cars to turn left when waiting behind cars trying to turn right.
 - **Cray Ave/Main Rd.** One respondent noted the risk of cars coming around the bend and colliding with cars backed up to turn right.

- **Widening**
 - The road's narrowness was mentioned regularly - 'it's a country road after all'- but only several respondents proposed widening it.
 - There was comment however about the narrowness of bridges with it difficult for vehicles to cross especially if large vehicles are on them.

- **Cycle paths**
 - Two respondents mentioned the need for cycle paths and others commented on how dangerous the road is for cyclists.

- **Unlikely suggestions**
 - Get rid of the Blackwood roundabout. 2 comments
 - Ask freight trains not to run during peak hours. 2 comments
 - Get rid of public transport. 1 comment

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2022, about Old Belair Road and James Road junction. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport advises that Infrastructure South Australia's review is currently being undertaken and is expected to be completed soon.

On completion, Infrastructure SA will provide a recommendation to the Department and the South Australian Government for consideration. The review findings will be made publicly available in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The next steps will depend upon the report's recommendations.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

1 / 12 /2022

Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of Blythewood Road residents in Mitcham.

Blythewood Road is adjacent to the Mitcham Cemetery and extends down to Neweys Road. The road joins the Old Belair Road roundabout on a blind corner for traffic travelling south.

The traffic light sequence at the roundabout does not allow for vehicles moving this direction to enter the roundabout as a direct flow, so it can be very difficult and unsafe for them to enter. It is also an area where many children walk to school as Scotch College is located on the opposing corner.

There are also no lights near the roundabout to allow children to cross safely and therefore they either must take a much longer route, be driven by family or take their lives into their own hands by attempting to cross.

I would appreciate if the Department for Infrastructure and Transport could investigate these concerns, so I can best advise my constituents of a response.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine'.

Catherine Hutchesson MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2022, on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga about Main Road at Coromandel Valley. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I am pleased to advise that planning for improvements between Coromandel Valley and Chandlers Hill is included in the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package.

This package provides \$150 million over five years to upgrade key strategic roads improving road safety and increasing fire resilience in the Adelaide Hills and is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments on an 80:20 basis. This package incorporates the State Government's election commitment to deliver \$10 million of improvements to Main Road, Cherry Gardens.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has advised that asphaltting works between Edgecumbe Parade, Blackwood and Black Road, Coromandel Valley is expected to commence late 2022.

Planning and engagement are in progress for improvements to Main Road between Black Road, Coromandel Valley and Chandlers Hill Road / Clarendon Road, Chandlers Hill, which will consider the function of the road. Targeted safety treatments being considered along this section include safety barrier installation, better road signage, pavement works, road widening, vegetation management to improve driver sightlines, easing of tight curves, and shoulder sealing.


Community consultation commenced on 14 October 2022. Two street corner meetings were held on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 October, for the local community to meet the project team, provide feedback and ask any questions.

Further information and an online survey is also available on the project website at:
www.dit.sa.gov.au/adelaidehillsprs

A concept design for this section of Main Road will be developed and provided to the community for further review and feedback in early 2023.

Should you have any project queries, the project team is available by telephone on 1300 794 880 or email dit.engagement@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

16 / 11 / 2022

Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom*

I write to you on behalf of several constituents that have contacted me regarding bus related issues and suggestions in my electorate of Waite.

Residents have made representations to me regarding ways to increase bus usage through more frequent services in the Mitcham Hills. Routes that were particularly mentioned were the 600 and 601 bus routes, from Blackwood Interchange to Marion Interchange with there being limited services at off-peak times and weekends. Bellevue Heights residents particularly advocated for increased bus services along Eve Road, with there being a retirement village on the road.

Craigburn Farm needs greater public transport access, with limited options for residents. Members of my community have expressed desire for an express bus service, such as the 197X, to the City and better connectivity to local train stations and other bus routes. As a high growth suburb with minimal weekend or evening services, this has been widely advocated for.

Hawthorndene residents have similarly made representations to me for an express and more frequent 196 service from the Mitcham Hills to the City. Many comment that the current service is lengthy and is infrequent in non-peak times and on weekends. Residents in eastern Belair, such as along Gloucester Avenue, have stated that a bus service connected to this area is needed with limited options for them.

There is desire from within my community to have these services better connect to train services at Blackwood Station and other bus routes for better transport connectivity, especially for school children to get to school routes. This demand will increase with the new Tonsley Technical College, where there is currently no direct link to the district from my community including Blackwood High School.

Given the expansion of shop trading hours to 9am on Sundays, there is potential for a review of bus and train timings to ensure connectivity for workers and attendees of special events.

Constituents have commented on the need for better connectivity to local shopping hubs, such as in Blackwood, Belair and Mitcham to ensure accessibility to the whole community in the ability to shop locally.

I would appreciate if the Department of Infrastructure and Transport could investigate these issues and suggestions and advise me of a response so I can best assist my constituents. If you would like to further discuss any of these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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7 November 2022

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MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
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By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom*

I write to you on behalf of several constituents that have contacted me regarding train related issues and suggestions in my electorate of Waite.

Residents have raised concerns regarding the state of the Belair line with significant amounts of graffiti along the line. Comments have been made that revitalisation of the line and several stations are needed to encourage tourists to visit our area and connect with nature such as in the Belair National Park. More carriages on the train line during peak hour is also mentioned to increase usage and reduce overcrowding.

There is desire from within my community to have a new railway station in Bellevue Heights. Residents state that this would increase public transport use in their area and save commute time on buses.

Also raised was the need for more park and ride, as well as kiss and drop spaces at local train stations. Specifically mentioned was Torrens Park Station, Eden Hills Station, Flinders Station and most prominently Coromandel Station. These railway stations all experience limited parking options which quickly reach capacity impacting local surrounding roads.

Reliability was an issue, with concerns that trains are often departing too early or too late. There have been comments suggesting Belair line electrification is needed for a long-term solution. Waite locals have also mentioned that public transport should better connect with special events, such as early morning with the 'City-Bay Fun Run'.

On the Belair train, constituents have commented on the need for better signage and announcements to address mountain bike riding safety and general behaviour on the train and through the Mitcham Hills area on roads and trails. Many constituents have said bikes should always be free on trains.

The freight line has also received attention, with Waite residents having concerns about freight noise along the railway line. I have also been contacted by residents supporting a passenger train along this line to Mount Barker.

I would appreciate if the Department of Infrastructure and Transport could investigate these issues and suggestions and advise me of a response so I can best assist my constituents.

If you would like to further discuss any of these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
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By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Tom

Dear Minister

I write to thank you for your attendance at my Public Transport Forum on 23 October 2022 in the Karinya Reserve Clubrooms. Your direct and comprehensive answers to community questions were deeply appreciated by attendees, from many of which I have since received positive feedback.

A variety of issues and comments were raised by my constituents including ways to encourage public transport use, bike access in the Mitcham Hills, expanding the bus network and the use of electric scooters. Waite locals were especially pleased to learn about the progress made on our election commitment to deliver dedicated bike carriages on the Belair Line during peak bike times.

I have also received many comments from constituents who were unfortunately unable to attend the Forum. I have passed on these ideas and suggestions to you in separate letters.

Thank you again for visiting my electorate to discuss public transport with my community.

If you would like to further discuss any of these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

Catherine Hutchesson MP
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4 November 2022

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Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom*

I write to you regarding concerns raised by Waite constituents relating to vehicle access on Shepherds Hill Road.

Local residents often advise me of their difficulties turning right from roads in the eastern section of Eden Hills onto Shepherds Hill Road. This is exacerbated during peak hours, as well as through school drop off and pick-up times with Blackwood Primary School and Blackwood High School both being located along the road.

It is also a concern that the new childcare centre, which is currently under construction on the corner of Wilpena Street and Shepherds Hill Road, will significantly increase traffic congestion in the area. It will also increase demand for right hand turns from all exit-streets in eastern Eden Hills.

Local residents have often raised moving the pedestrian lights across Shepherds Hill Road to the Wittunga Botanic Gardens as a solution. They suggest relocating the lights ten metres west to Parham Road, and include an arrow for right hand turns. This would maintain the existing pedestrian safety crossing and allow vehicles from eastern Eden Hills to safely access Shepherds Hill Road.

The issue of vehicle access to Wittunga Botanic Gardens has also been raised with cars accessing the Garden from the east on Shepherds Hill Road having limited warning of the Garden's approach. A potential solution is a left-hand turning lane into the Garden to mitigate the abruptness of the entrance and to create smoother traffic flow on the road.

It would be appreciated if your department could investigate the feasibility of these suggestions and broader traffic congestion solutions on Shepherds Hill Road.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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2 September 2022

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RELEASE IN PART

Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom,*

I write to you on behalf of Waite constituents regarding the condition of Upper Sturt Road, in my electorate. Local residents have commented that the road is in very poor condition. The portion of the road between the Belair Railway Station and Pole Road contains many areas where the road surface is crumbling.

The road is on a hill's face, and it has been raised to me that it appears that sections of the road are starting to slip. The camber of one of the road's corners, west of Footts Hill Road, is especially dangerous where I have been advised there have been multiple car accidents.

I understand there are also multiple potholes and areas where there is poor drainage along the road.

I have attached correspondence from a local community member relating to the road. However, it does appear there has been some remediation works done east of Pole Road where the road was equally deteriorating (in the electorate of Heysen).

Waite residents have made representations to me that the entire road requires urgent attention, as it is the main thoroughfare between the South-Eastern Freeway and Blackwood. It is also heavily utilised when the Freeway is blocked or closed.

It would be appreciated if the Department for Infrastructure and Transport could investigate these concerns relating to the road's surface and camber issues so I can best advise my constituents of a response.

If you would like to further discuss these matters, please contact my office by phone on 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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28 November 2022

CC: Email from Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs 19 September 2022

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Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs



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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 23 September 2022, on behalf of Mr [REDACTED] about flooding on the Stuart Highway, near Glendambo.

I am pleased to advise that in response to the extreme weather event that occurred in January 2022, funding from the Australian Government has been secured to undertake betterment projects aimed at improving the resilience of damaged infrastructure should there be further weather impacts. It is anticipated that works on the Stuart Highway, north of Glendambo will be completed in 2024.

With regards to pre-emptive temporary detours, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) confirms that extreme weather events are monitored closely. These events may occur anywhere, and subsequently impact isolated sections of the National Land Transport Network.

Each location has distinct geographical features which would be considered in any emergency response, and in the event of a lengthy flood related closure, the Department would undertake a risk assessment in conjunction with other state government response agencies. Possible localised options for consideration and implementation (subject to the Emergency Act being enacted) may include:

- pumping floodwater to nearby catchments;
- trenching temporary channels to divert water away from a highway; or
- diverting traffic to adjacent pastoral lease land on temporary detours.

Given there are no historic records of the Glendambo section of the Stuart Highway being impacted by flooding prior to January 2022, and no evidence to suggest that this location is of higher-than-normal risk of being impacted in future events, the Department has no plans to implement pre-emptive temporary detours for this location unless the situation requires this level response.

Please be assured that the Department acknowledges the significant economic importance of freight and will take all actions necessary to ensure access to the road network, whilst prioritising the safety of travellers and departmental officers and contractors.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

3 / 11 / 2022

Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon Tom Koutsantonis
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Email: minister.koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister, *tom*

Mr [REDACTED] a constituent who lives in Coromandel Valley has requested that I advise you of the potential problems with high falls of rain near Glendambo on the Stuart Highway. (Attached is his email)

He believes that it is important to avoid problems by having a bypass contingency in place so that vehicles can continue north and south.

Could you please investigate his suggestion and advise me of the outcome?

Kind regards

Catherine

Catherine Hutchesson MP

23/09/2022

Attachment



Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

