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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 23 October 2023.

Your application seeks access to:

“A copy of all correspondence and meeting documents, including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, emails, letters, meeting agendas, and any other correspondence between the Member for Waite and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, between 6/12/2022 to 23/10/2023.”

An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 55 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 34 documents; copies of which are enclosed.
I grant you access in part to 19 documents; copies of which are enclosed.
I refuse you access in full to 2 documents.

Documents Released in Full

2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55

Documents Released in Part

Documents 4, 8, 9, 13, 15, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 45, 52 are released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Waite electorate and if released would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information. I therefore determine this information exempt pursuant to clause 6 to the FOI Act.

Documents Refused in Full

Documents 1 and 3 were released to you under a previous FOI determination (23MIT5159) and therefore I have not provided these documents as you already hold copies.

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).

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

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 7 November 2022, on behalf of your constituents about bus services in the Mitcham Hills.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that existing network frequency, passenger capacity and operating hours of bus services operating within the Mitcham Hills area is appropriate for the current level of patronage demand.

Whilst the Department acknowledges the benefits some residents would receive by improving frequency and service options, any extra services would require additional funding, which is not available at this time.

Please note that any future provision of bus services within the Mitcham Hills will be based on demand relative to all other areas across the network where additional services may be beneficial.

As you would appreciate, the planning of public transport services is a complex process, and whilst every effort is made to accommodate the needs of as many members of the community as possible, unfortunately it is not possible to meet every individual need.

The Department's service planning team will continue to monitor demand to ensure that services remain adequate for the needs of the community.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

19 / 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

Tom

I write to you on behalf of Waite constituent **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Eden Hills regarding his concerns surrounding the University Way and Sturt Road intersection in Bedford Park.

Mr **Clause 6 (1)** has raised with me that the traffic lights at the intersection have recently been turning red on Sturt Road, despite no cars exiting University Way.

I understand this has caused Mr **Clause 6 (1) - P I** some frustration, due to the wait time incurred from the unnecessary stop.

Many from my community use this intersection, travelling to and from Shepherds Hill Road. I would appreciate if your Department could investigate Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** concern and advise me of the outcome.

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

13 January 2023



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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter dated 18 July 2022, on behalf of your constituents and members of the Blackwood High School and Blackwood Primary School communities about safety at the Northcote Road and Shepherds Hill Road intersection, Eden Hills. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has advised me that previous investigations considering both traffic and pedestrian volumes have identified that traffic signals are not required at the intersection of Shepherds Hill Road and Northcote Road.

Site observations at this location highlighted that the delays experienced by drivers exiting Northcote Road are similar to those experienced at many schools during the peak periods where a large number of drivers are exiting over a very short period. Students were also observed utilising the existing pedestrian walkthrough near Northcote Road and the signalised crossing near Parham Road.

You may be interested to note that the Department prepared a concept plan for an upgrade to this intersection which determined that extensive work would be required, including the removal of electrical assets and the need for land acquisition.

The preferred treatment to improve safety and traffic flow along this section of Shepherds Hill Road is a painted median at Seymour Street. This would provide a sheltered area for vehicles to wait when turning right from Shepherds Hill Road and also enable drivers turning right from the side roads to store in the centre median and undertake the right turn movement in two stages.

I am also pleased to advise that this painted median treatment has been included on a list of candidate projects for future funding.


In relation to Blackwood Primary School, the Department delivers the Way2Go program. The program is built on the Department partnering with local Councils and

school communities, to create safer school precincts, and encourage more children and families to safely walk, ride, scoot or skate to school.

The City of Mitcham is an active Way2Go partner, and I am advised that Blackwood Primary School also participated in the program previously.

A member of the Way2Go team will contact the Blackwood Primary School Principal to discuss the school's interest in renewing their participation in the Way2Go program.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Ms Hutchesson

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

Thank you for your email dated 22 November 2022, on behalf of your constituents about the traffic light sequence at the roundabout at the Blythewood Road and Old Belair Road intersection, Mitcham.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that the part-time traffic signals improve traffic flow for peak traffic flow direction when traffic volumes are unbalanced.


During the morning peak traffic periods, there is a higher demand for northbound vehicle movements, therefore the traffic lanterns for Old Belair Road (north) and Blythewood Road (east) are activated to improve traffic flow for city-bound vehicles. During the afternoon peak traffic period, there is a higher demand for southbound vehicles, therefore, the traffic lanterns on Blythewood Road (west) are activated to improve traffic flow for southbound traffic on Blythewood Road.

Outside of the peak traffic periods, traffic volumes on the major road approaches are not too dissimilar and the intersection operates as a standard roundabout. A review has found that the intersection is operating satisfactorily in its existing layout. Additionally, the most recent traffic volumes shows that very little traffic (1.3%) travels across the intersection to continue travelling on Blythewood Road. As you would appreciate, the stopping of all other directions of travel to cater for little demand for west to east movements would significantly increase delays and vehicle queues for peak traffic movements.

In order to increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians, the Department has previously relocated the Give Way holding lines further back from the roundabout to ensure vehicles do not block pedestrian walkthroughs. Nevertheless, the Department will create a concept to install pedestrian holding rails within the traffic islands to cater for pedestrians. This will also further highlight to drivers of the potential for pedestrians to be present. However, these works will be placed on a prioritisation list for future funding.

Furthermore, a pedestrian actuated crossing was completed in May 2020, on Blythewood Road to cater for safe pedestrian movements across Blythewood Road.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

16 / 1 / 2023

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 behaviour of some of the young mountain bikers using the Belair Railway Line service through our community.

There have been several concerns brought to my attention by Waite residents relating to some of these riders making commuter's train journey uncomfortable through loud, messy and sometimes threatening behaviour.

This is especially amplified during non-school days, such as school holidays and weekends.

While I understand that the Malinauskas Labor Government's implemented election commitment for a bike carriage on the Belair Railway Line has partially alleviated these concerns, those who choose to commute on the bike carriage should not be subject to unruly behaviour.

Suggestions commented to me to assist with this issue include additional security on the carriage, signage on the carriage and at railway stations, and audio announcements during the train ride to discourage disorderly behaviour.

There have also been requests relating to the timeline of the installation of bike carriages on all Belair Railway Line services.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate the feasibility of implementing these measures, as well as examine other ways to improve the safety and comfort of passengers.

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
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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 Waite constituent **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Aff 1** regarding the bike lanes on Shepherds Hill Road.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** is concerned that the current bike lane durations are too limited, with current provisions for the peak times of 7:30 am until 9:00am and 3:00pm until 6:00pm on Monday to Friday.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** believes that with the road being a major throughfare, these times should be extended to weekends and throughout the day.

The bike lane is currently often blocked due to motorists parking their cars along it to access the Sturt Lions Football Club.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate Mr **Clause 6 (1) - P I** concerns and provide me with a response, so I can best assist my constituent.

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
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine*,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 November 2022, on behalf of Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about the condition of Upper Sturt Road. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that it completed pavement patching works along Upper Sturt Road in November 2022.

Upper Sturt Road is inspected regularly by the Department, with any repairs made to ensure the road is maintained in a safe condition for road users. As part of these inspections, it has been noted that some culverts and pipe crossings along Upper Sturt Road have been impacted by debris and leaves. This is not considered to pose an immediate safety hazard, and these will be scheduled for cleaning prior to winter 2023.

In 2022-2023 financial year, the State Government is delivering a study into transport issues impacting Mount Barker and the broader Adelaide Hills region, including Upper Sturt Road. This study will consider further transport needs and investment priorities to support population growth, economic growth and liveability.

Further information about the study can be found on the Department's website at: [bit.ly/Transport Study](https://bit.ly/Transport_Study).

For road condition matters requiring immediate attention, I encourage all road users to contact the Department's 24 hour Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313. By calling this number to directly report an issue will result in a timelier investigation and corrective action where required.

Thank you for raising these important matters.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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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 Waite constituents regarding safety concerns at the Blackwood Roundabout.

Residents have suggested that speed mitigation devices should be implemented near the Roundabout to reduce the risk of crashes which frequently occur.

Community members have commented that a reduction in speed limit on roads surrounding the Roundabout has potential to assist with the issue. Others suggest other forms of safety measures should be implemented such as traffic lights or stop signs.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate the feasibility of implementing safety improvements at the Blackwood Roundabout and provide me with a response, so I can best assist my constituent.

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

B February 2023





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 am writing to you on behalf of concerned constituents regarding the behaviour of some young mountain bike riders on the Belair rail service and at railway stations, which has been getting worse in recent months.

There have been reports of these riders urinating on the platforms, throwing rocks over neighbours' fences, climbing on the shelters, and being loud, rude, and obnoxious. This behaviour is causing distress to other commuters and creating an unsafe environment.

Many believe the installation of security cameras at Lynton, Torrens Park, Mitcham, Pinera and Belair Railway Stations as a matter of urgency would deter these riders from engaging in disruptive behaviour.

While security guards are sometimes stationed on the platforms, they leave before the young riders finish their rides, and as a result, the behaviour only gets worse. Additional security measures, such as the installation of cameras, would help to discourage this behaviour and make the railway stations safer for all commuters.

I understand that this is not an issue that can be easily resolved, and I would appreciate any consideration of other appropriate measures that the Department may have to improve the situation. I believe that it is important to take a multi-faceted approach to addressing this issue, which may include increased education about the importance of respecting public spaces and other commuters, as well as enforcing penalties for any unlawful behaviour.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate the feasibility of implementing these measures and provide with me with 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 Hutchesson MP
Member for Waite

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter, dated 19 January 2023, regarding disruptive behaviour of mountain bikers using the Belair rail line services.

The operator of the Adelaide Metro rail network, Keolis Downer Adelaide (KDA), have also identified an increase in the number of complaints about this issue at the Belair line service.

KDA is currently reviewing the matter and assessing how best to proactively address this issue. A wide range of tactics are being considered including allocating additional Passenger Service Attendants and/or security guards to patrol the services, additional signage, announcements, CCTV etc.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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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 am writing on behalf of residents of Torrens Park and Lower Mitcham regarding the inadequate shelter at the Torrens Park Railway Station.

Members of my community have advised the shelter at the station fails to provide adequate protection to passengers during inclement weather. This is due to the narrow ceiling failing to protect users from rain in the wind and the majority of the shelter protecting surface area that is inaccessible to passengers.

Residents also advise the shelter is too small to accommodate more than a handful of people, despite its high demand in peak hours. This is particularly problematic for those with mobility issues or who rely on public transportation as their primary mode of travel.

As a result, many residents are forced to drive to other stations, contributing to the already significant peak hour traffic in the Mitcham Shopping Centre and Belair Road area.

An upgrade would improve the safety and comfort of passengers at the station and also encourage more people to use public transportation, reducing traffic congestion in our area.

I have enclosed photos of the shelter to illustrate our concerns, and I have also canvassed the views of other station users who share our frustration. I would appreciate if your department could investigate the feasibility of upgrading the shelter at Torrens Park Railway Station and keep me informed of any progress made.

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

3 March 2023

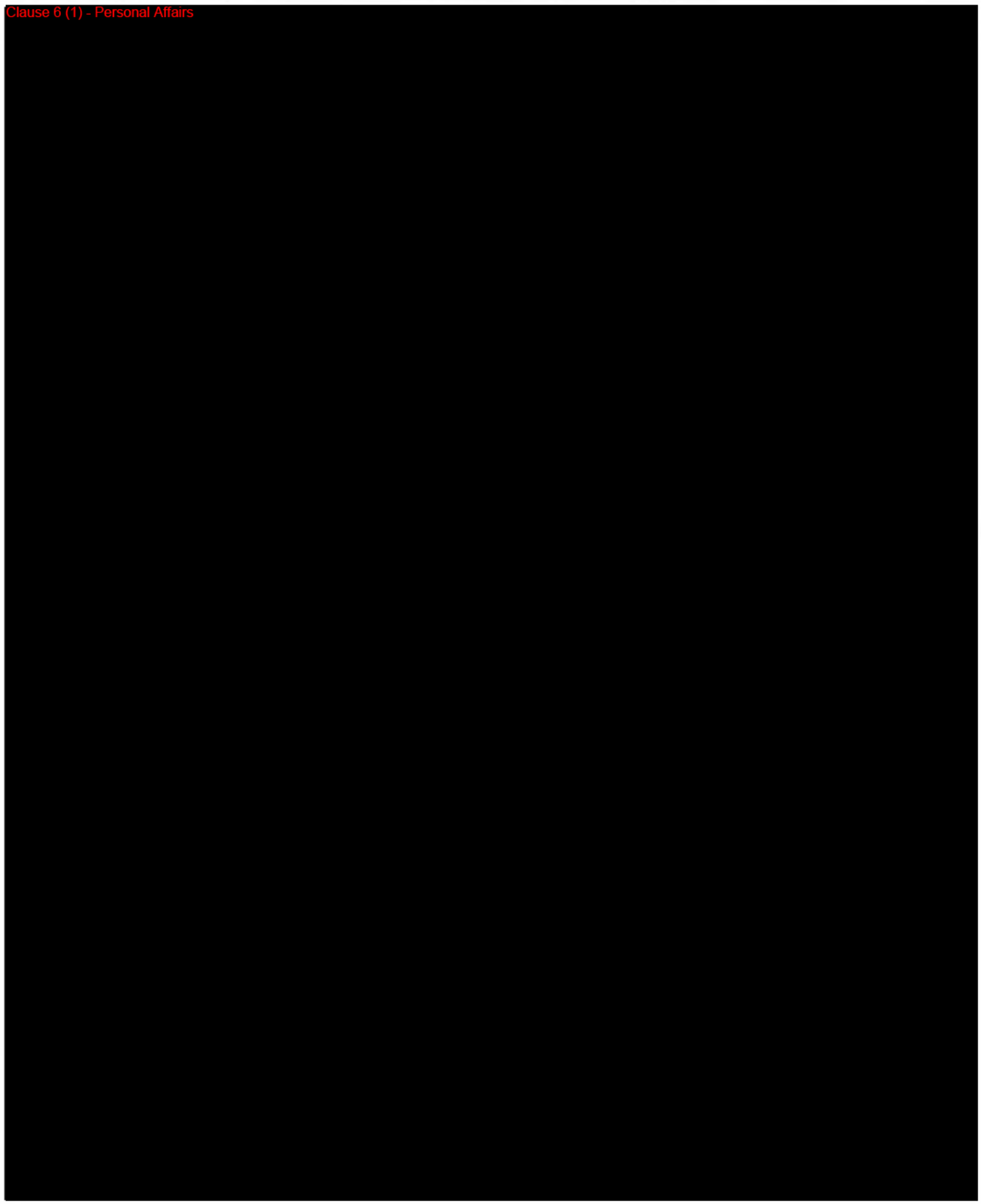
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Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing on behalf of residents of Coromandel Valley regarding several issues that have been brought to my attention regarding Main Road.

Residents have raised that there is currently no pedestrian crossing near the Coromandel Community Centre, and the narrow and windy road makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. This is a significant issue, as the Community Centre and adjacent Weymouth Oval is a hub for local events and activities, and many residents walk to and from the area.

There is also concern about the current 60km/h speed limit near the Coromandel Valley Shopping Centre and Primary School. Some community members believe it is not appropriate due to the limited sight around bends on the road and poses a serious safety risk for both pedestrians and drivers. During a survey I conducted regarding Main Road, residents were strongly in favour of a reduction to 50km/h in this precinct.

Also raised is the need for an upgraded pedestrian crossing at the Coromandel Valley Shopping Centre. The current crossing does not provide a direct connection to the Sturt River Linear Trail poses a significant risk to pedestrians attempting to cross the road due to parking of cars on Main Road restricting visibility.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate the feasibility of implementing these suggestions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Coromandel Valley residents.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to 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

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 13 January 2023, on behalf of Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about the traffic lights at the intersection of University Drive and Sturt Road, Bedford Park.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that a review of the traffic lights at this intersection was conducted and it was found that the road sensors in the road surface have been damaged. To rectify the situation, the Department has scheduled the installation of non-intrusive vehicle sensors by the end of March 2023, weather permitting.

Please thank Mr Clause 6 (1) - for bringing this to my attention. I also encourage him to contact the Department's 24-hour Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313 for issues requiring immediate attention. Calling this number to directly report an issue allows the operator to ask for clarification and will result in a timelier investigation and corrective action where required.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 23 December 2022, on behalf of your constituents, about a request for a 'Keep Clear' pavement marking at the intersection of Shepherds Hill Road and Parham Road, Eden Hills. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

As a result of your advocacy, I requested that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) undertake a site-specific review of the Shepherds Hill Road and Parham Road intersection.

As a result of the review and taking into consideration the concerns your constituents have raised, I am pleased to advise that the Department will install 'Keep Clear' pavement markings on the northern side of Shepherds Hill Road to assist with turning movements into and out of Parham Road.

The Department will aim to have the 'Keep Clear' pavement marking installed by June 2023.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

17 March 2023



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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 am writing to you to express my concern for the safety of the residents of Craighburn Farm in the event of an emergency, particularly bushfires.

I have received numerous complaints from residents about the limited accessibility and safety of the existing emergency exit-only roads on Star Lily Street and Verdelho Street.

While the City of Mitcham has made some efforts to rectify the surface of these exits, there are still limited options for residents to exit their suburb during an emergency. The only other access road, Coromandel Parade, would be heavily congested, making it a risky and potentially dangerous option for residents and emergency services vehicles to traverse the area.

As a result, I am requesting that your Department investigate additional options to improve accessibility and safety for residents of Craighburn Farm to exit their suburb during emergencies. Given that the area is bushfire prone, it is crucial that more options are explored to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my community.

Residents have suggested that new options should be easily accessible, allow for emergency services vehicle to traverse the area when others are exiting and have a level surface.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate these concerns from residents of Craighburn Farm and provide a response. If you would like any additional information, please contact my office by phone on (08) 8278 5844, or by email to waite@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Catherine

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Member for Waite

27 March 2023

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Ms Catherine Hutchesson MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 8 February 2023, on behalf of residents about safety at the Blackwood Roundabout.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that a review of this location was undertaken which included the road layout, traffic volumes and crash statistics. Given the information obtained, this location is considered to be operating satisfactorily in its existing layout and no changes are recommended at this time.

For your information, there are existing safety treatments at this location in the form of:

- advance direction signs on each approach to the roundabout, which depicts the permitted turning movements of each lane;
- pavement arrows showing the turning movements in each lane have been installed on each leg of the intersection; and
- information signs stating that Main Road traffic use left lane and Coromandel Parade traffic use right lane have also been installed on Main Road (north) and Shepherds Hill Road respectively to address the most common confusing turning movements at this intersection.

Whilst it is acknowledged that traffic signals may assist with driver confusion, a review of traffic volumes confirms that the roundabout is the most efficient method of traffic management at this location.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the residents of Eden Hills for your efforts in addressing their concerns regarding the intersection of Shepherds Hill Road and Parham Road. Residents are pleased to hear that the markings will be installed by June 2023.

However, parents of children attending Blackwood Primary School have raised concerns about the safety of students crossing Parham Road at the intersection of Shepherds Hill Road to get and from the pedestrian crossing across Shepherds Hill Road.

This is as cars often turn quickly from Shepherds Hill Road, a busy 60km/h road, onto Parham Road where many children cross. As such, parents have requested the installation of a sign alerting motorists of children crossing in the area to improve safety. They have suggested placing the signs at both corners of Parham Road and Shepherds Hill Road to adequately alert motorists turning into Parham Road.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate the feasibility of this suggestion and review other measures to improve pedestrian safety of those attending Blackwood Primary School and Blackwood High School.

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of residents of **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** in Torrens Park regarding new line marking at the intersection of Thorpe Street and Blythewood Road.

Residents have raised their concerns to me about a right-hand slip lane marking being installed on Blythewood Road going westward allowing turning into Scotch College's new 'Wellbeing and Sports Centre'.

My community is frustrated with this installation as it blocks cars turning right from Blythewood Road onto Thorpe Street, a movement that until the development of Scotch College's new facility, they were able to undertake.

Residents are also frustrated that no consultation took place and believe that this poses a severe safety risk to users of this intersection as it is highly confusing.

I have attached an image of the slip lane for your reference.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate these concerns and provide with me with 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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Encl. Image of the site

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Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs



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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March 2023, on behalf of your constituents about the behaviour of mountain bike riders on the Belair train line.

Firstly, I am sorry to hear about the uncomfortable situation your constituents have recently experienced on the Belair line and I appreciate it would be distressing.

Providing a safe and secure environment for all public transport users is of utmost importance, however unfortunately, incidents of anti-social behaviour are at times experienced at or near public transport facilities or on buses, trains and trams.

The South Australian Public Transport Authority is working with the rail operator, Keolis Downer Adelaide (KDA), to address the issue you have outlined, both in the short term and longer term.

I am advised that KDA has redirected Passenger Service Assistants and security to the Belair line to increase supervision on the line at busy times. Longer term, KDA has been working to identify and implement more sustainable solutions such as including increasing community outreach through KDA school roadshows, which serves to educate students about appropriate behaviour, safety and acceptable use of the rail network.

In addition to this, the South Australia Police have increased their presence on the network to provide additional discouragement of anti-social behaviour.

If your constituents would like to provide any further feedback, I encourage them to contact Adelaide Metro through the website (www.adelaidemetro.com.au) or the InfoLine on telephone number 1300 311 108 and speak with a Customer Service Officer.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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29/3/2023



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 am writing to you on behalf of several Waite constituents who have raised concerns about the current condition of the Blackwood railway crossing at Main Road, Blackwood.

Members of my community have raised that the surface is currently very rough and requires vehicles to slow significantly prior to approaching the crossing.

Some residents have concerns that the unevenness of the crossing could potentially cause damage to larger vehicles and their contents.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate if there are any plans to improve the surface of this crossing, and provide a response so I can best assist my constituents.

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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Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** Belair regarding their concerns about the draft plans for the upgrade of the Russell Street / Main Road / Sheoak Road Junctions as part of the Mitcham Hills Road Corridor Project.

Members of my community are concerned that given the project includes the removal of right turns for all vehicles from Sheoak Road to Old Belair Road, traffic from Sheoak Road will use Serpentine Road to access Old Belair Road.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs is a narrow windy road with no line markings. As such, residents have safety concerns that increased traffic traversing the road has the potential to cause accidents to both general motorists and residents leaving their driveways. Additionally, the right turn from Serpentine Road to Old Belair Road is an awkward turn with limited visibility.

There is also a retirement community located along the road, where residents often walk to access surrounding shops and services.

Currently, there is a 'local traffic only' sign at the beginning of the road, however residents report that the road is already widely use as a cut-through road.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate residents' concerns and provide a response, so I can best assist my constituents.

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

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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 am writing to you on behalf of residents of Eden Hills who use Wilpena Street. Members of my community have contacted me regarding the need for additional traffic measures to be implemented at the intersection of Wilpena Street and Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills. This is particularly necessary to ensure they can turn right onto Shepherds Hill Road safely and efficiently.

Wilpena Street is directly opposite the Wittunga Botanic Gardens, which is heavily used for parking by parents at the nearby Blackwood Primary School and Blackwood High School during school pick-up and drop-off times. This results in significant congestion on Shepherds Hill Road, and often blocks the residents from turning right onto the road due to existing slip lanes. Consequently, residents must wait for excessive amounts of time, leading to frustration and a considerable inconvenience.

The residents are also concerned that the narrow opportunities for egress could result in an accident, particularly as Wilpena Street is located at the end of a bend on Shepherds Hill Road, leading to limited visibility. Additionally, the opening of a childcare centre on Wilpena Street is anticipated to drastically exacerbate the problem, with an increase in cars using the street and causing further congestion adding to increased pressures over recent years.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate additional traffic measures to improve egress out of Wilpena Street for Eden Hills residents and provide with me with 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

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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 am writing to you on behalf of Waite constituent Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Lower Mitcham.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** has raised several questions relating to the Belair Railway Line. He has discussed concerns regarding a recent increase in the frequency of freight trains and the number of freight carriages. This generates noise and congestion in our community.

He would like to know whether there are any plans to reduce freight along the Belair Railway Line or redirect freight out of our area.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** would also like an update as to the passenger railway train from Adelaide to Mount Barker.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** enquiries and provide 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

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Catherine Hutchesson MP

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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

Dear Minister

Tom

I am writing to you on behalf of my community regarding 250 Belair Road, Torrens Park.

As you may be aware, there is currently a development application for a service station to build on this site. I have consulted with the local community regarding this application, and it is overwhelmingly clear that the community do not support this development.

Based on feedback I have received, my community believes that a 'park and ride' would be the most suitable use for the site, with the land being adjacent to the Torrens Park Railway Station.

I began distributing a petition to local residents reading "We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to act within his power to acquire land at 250 Belair Road, Torrens Park for the purpose of a 'park and ride', encouraging the use of public transport."

This petition has gained 201 signatures.

This use of the land for a 'park and ride' would not only provide additional parking for the Torrens Park Railway Station, but it would also promote the use of public transport, reduce congestion in our community and contribute to a cleaner environment.

I urge you to consider this proposal, given its widespread grassroots support within my electorate.

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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Petition

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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 am writing on behalf of Waite resident Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Glenalta, who has contacted me with pedestrian safety concerns along Upper Sturt Road, Belair when accessing the Belair National Park entrance.

Currently, pedestrians who wish to cross the road are faced with limited road visibility and no existing crossings. This is despite the significant volume of foot traffic that traverses the road to access the Park entrance from adjacent streets and areas, especially during peak-use times such as weekends.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** believes that a dedicated pedestrian crossing is necessary to ensure the safety of pedestrians and to encourage visitation to South Australia's oldest national park.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate the feasibility of Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** suggestions and provide a response, so I can best assist our constituents.

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

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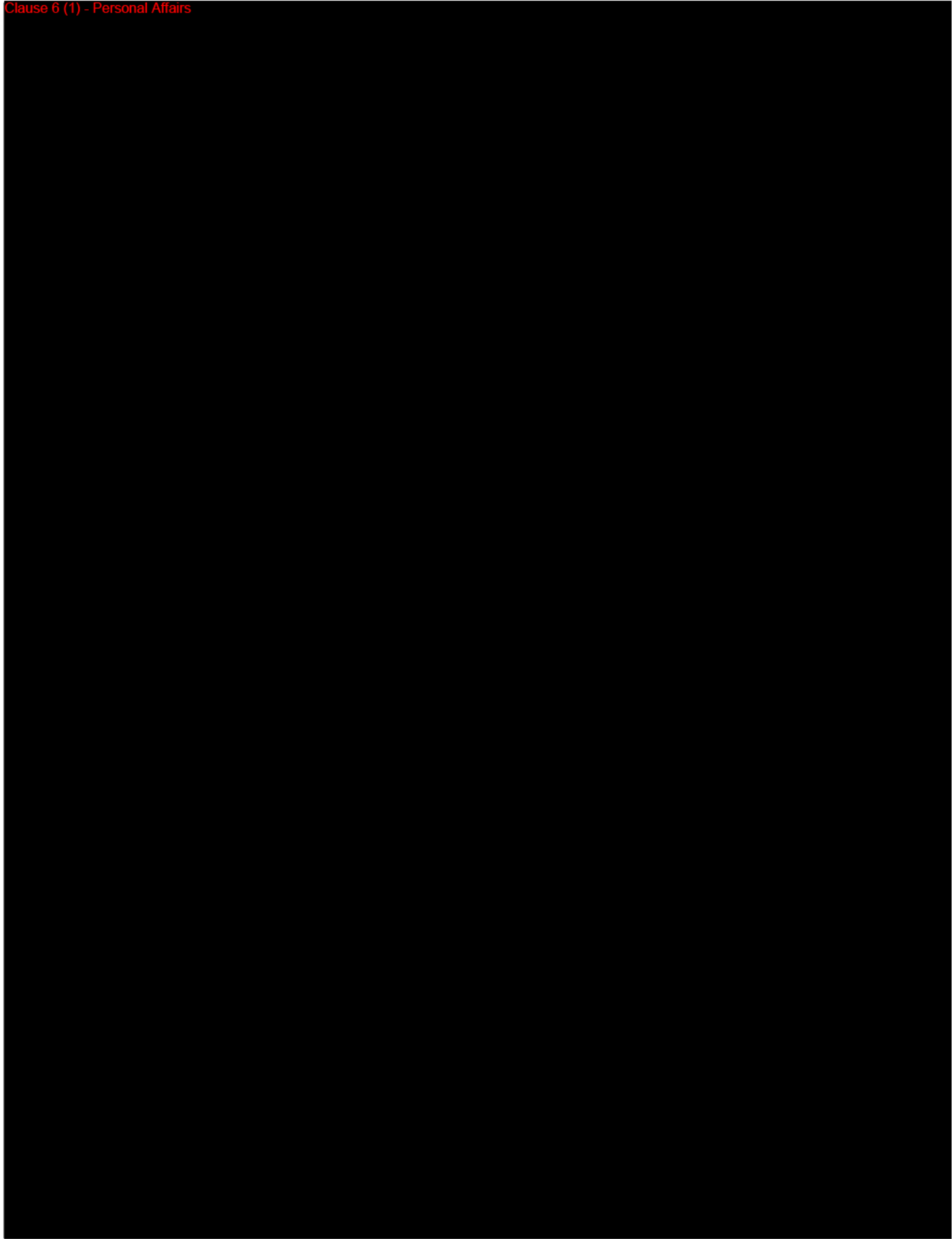
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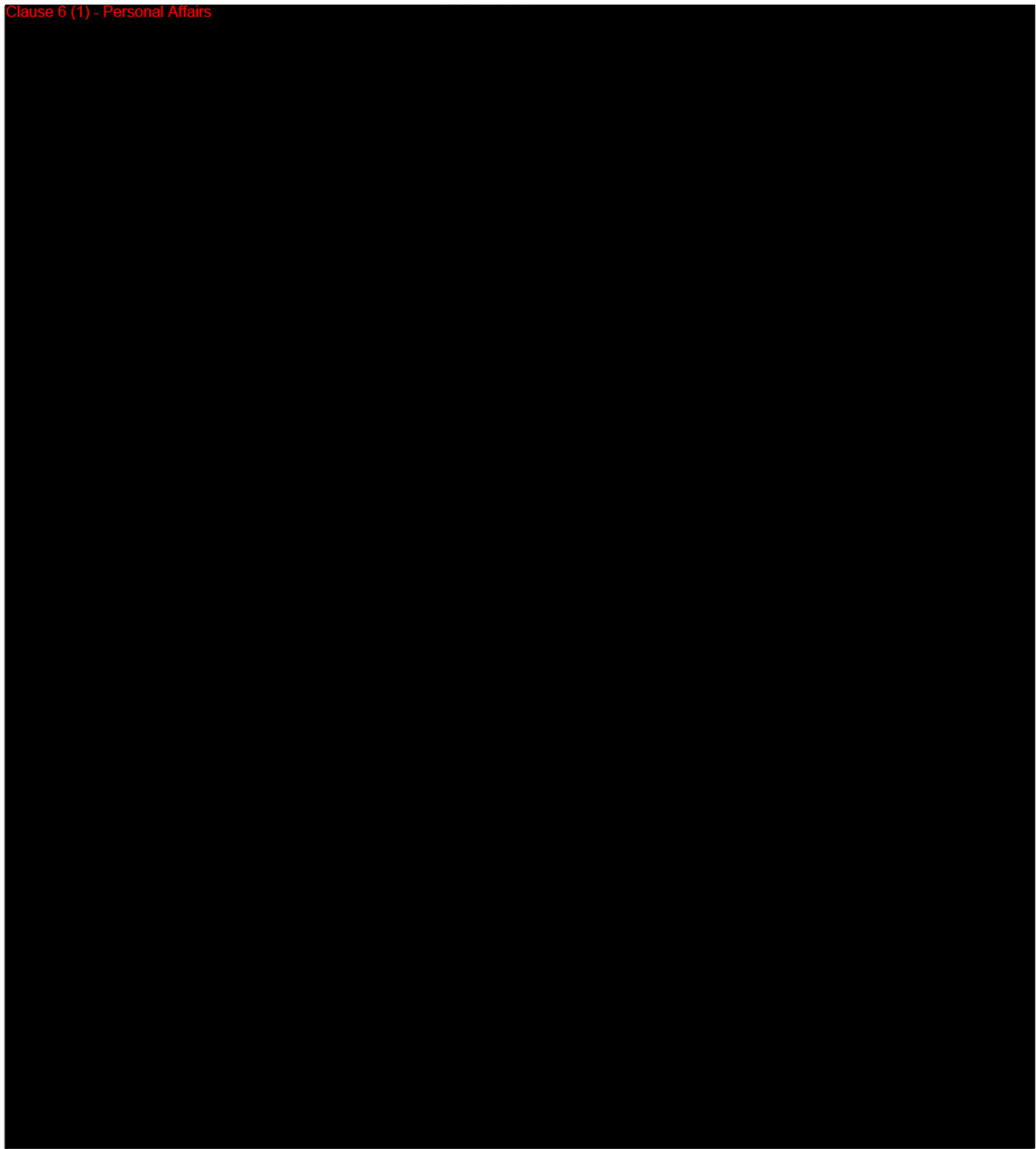
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 11 April 2023, on behalf of residents of Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about local traffic management associated with the Russell Street, Main Road and Sheoak Road Junctions Upgrade.

The South Australian Government has committed \$20 million towards the Mitcham Hills Corridor which includes the upgrade of the Russell Street, Main Road and Sheoak Road Junctions.

The project is expected to support around 35 full time equivalent jobs throughout the construction period, improve travel times and safety for all road users through:

- the installation of traffic signals at the Russell Street and Main Road junction, including duplication of the right turn from Main Road to Russell Street;
- the inclusion of median storage on Main Road, at the Main Road and Gloucester Avenue junction and the Main Road and Sheoak Road junction;
- improving the road geometry and installing an additional right turn lane into Russell Street, at the Main Road and Russell Street junction; and
- the provision of a new signalised pedestrian crossing for pedestrians crossing Russell Street, at the proposed new traffic signals.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that following detailed planning and community consultation, the right turn for vehicles from Sheoak Road to Old Belair Road will be retained.

To ensure the project's objectives are achieved, and to collaborate with the City of Mitcham in local traffic management, the Department will also monitor local traffic surrounding the project site following completion of the project.

It should be noted that Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs comes under the care, control and management of the City of Mitcham. Accordingly, any proposed local traffic management scheme or concerns, pedestrian safety and visibility is a matter for the City of Mitcham to consider.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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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 am writing on behalf of members of my local community who have raised concerns regarding bus stop 30A on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

I have received correspondence relating to the lack of a shelter or bench being provided at the bus stop. This is despite this stop being very popular for students at Blackwood High School, Blackwood Primary School, users of the Karinya Skatepark and members of the Sturt Lions Football Club.

Community members have also raised that some children result to sitting on the kerb at the busy road, due to there being no shelter or seating and the footpath being narrow.

It would be appreciated if your Department could review its location, and investigate the feasibility of providing a bus stop with a shelter and seating.

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

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MEMBER FOR WAITE



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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of Waite constituent **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** of Bellevue Heights regarding the pedestrian crossing lights on Shepherds Hill Road **Ad** adjacent to Bellevue Heights Primary School.

Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** is concerned about the speed of which motorists are traversing Shepherds Hill Road, especially during peak school pick-up and drop-off times.

He believes that given the importance of protecting the safety of students accessing the School, as well as other pedestrians, further measures such as a red light and speed camera should be installed at the crossing.

There is currently a similar crossing on Shepherds Hill Road adjacent to Blackwood Primary School which encompasses these safety measures.

I have attached Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** correspondence for your reference.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** concerns and provide a response, so I can best assist my constituent.

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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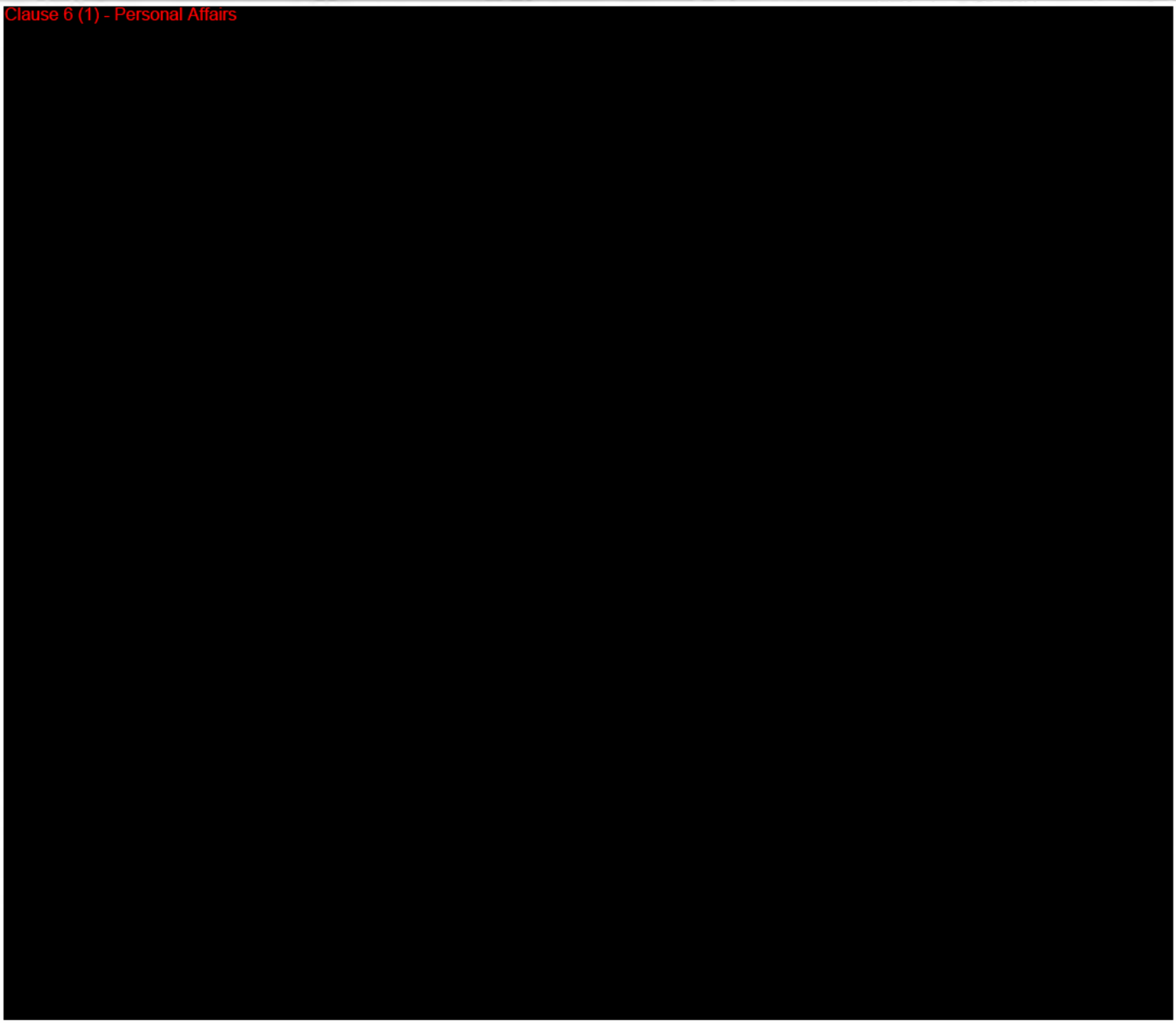
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Thank you for your letter dated 14 April 2023, on behalf of constituents, about traffic management at the intersection of Wilpena Street and Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that a review of this location 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 at this time.

Unfortunately, due to the high number of movements into the Wittunga Botanic Garden car park, it is not possible to modify the intersection to improve access for right turners out of Wilpena Street, without impacting, and potentially removing, the right turn lane into Wittunga Botanic Garden. This would have a major negative impact on access and may result in drivers undertaking unsafe turning manoeuvres in order to access the car park, such as U-turns at other undesirable locations.

It should be noted that it is not uncommon for drivers to experience delays at unsignalised side road junctions across the arterial road network. It is the responsibility of every driver to ensure the road rules are obeyed and to drive with due care and attention with regard to the prevailing traffic, road and weather conditions. This includes waiting for a gap in the traffic until it is safe to move on.

Nevertheless, alternative access to Shepherds Hill Road is available via Parham Road, which allows right turns onto Shepherds Hill Road.

Please be assured that the Department will continue to monitor traffic movements at this location and should the need for change become evident the appropriate action will be taken in the interests of road safety.

Yours sincerely


Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 26 May 2023, on behalf of your constituents about the provision of shelter and seating at bus stop 30A on Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) understands the importance of bus shelters in improving the amenity and experience for public transport passengers. The Department is working with the City of Mitcham (the Council) to identify if a shelter can be installed at this location.

As highlighted in your letter, the footpath is narrow and therefore, the Department and the Council will undertake a site visit to confirm if a shelter is possible in this location or alternatively, a seat could be provided. The Department will provide an update following the site visit.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
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Ms Catherine Hutchesson MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine*,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 April 2023, on behalf of constituents, about the condition of the pavement at the Blackwood railway crossing on Main Road, Blackwood. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that the crossing has two separate tracks running through it, the Adelaide Metro track on the west/left side, and the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) freight track on the east/right side.

Due to the differences in the nature of the trains that traverse the location, including their weight and speed (passenger and freight), and the slight difference in the angle of the turn for each track, the outside rails for each track are required to be elevated to the inside rail to accommodate the turn.

A slight elevation on the outside rail of train tracks enables the train to follow a bend with greater speed and stability as the outside elevation counters the centrifugal force which is created when the train is rounding the bend. As freight trains are heavier, the ARTC's tracks are higher, so the greater centrifugal force generated by the heavier faster freight train can be accommodated by the track geometry.

Safety of the rail network is of the utmost importance and as such no changes are recommended at this time.

It should be noted that it is the responsibility of every driver to ensure the road rules are obeyed and to drive with due care and attention with regard to the prevailing traffic, road and weather conditions. This includes slowing down to traverse railway lines in a safe manner, similar to how a driver would traverse a speed bump.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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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 in response to your correspondence dated 5 July 2023 regarding safety concerns surrounding Blackwood High School.

Thank you for providing the information outlined, I am pleased to hear that there will be an upgrade to the Shepherds Hill Road and Seymour Street intersection.

I respond to raise a suggestion that was provided to me at a Blackwood High School Governing Council meeting, that a raised median strip with fencing would assist with safety along Seymour Street outside the school.

Currently students leave the senior school and due to the existing Shepherds Hill Road crossing being a significant distance from the Seymour Street exit, they cross Shepherds Hill Road without the use of a formal pedestrian crossing.

Consequently, students stand in the middle of the road waiting for the dual lanes to clear. This is incredibly dangerous as there is also no reduced speed on the 60km/h road near the school.

Preventing the ability to cross will ensure students make additional effort to walk to the pedestrian crossing and with some anticipation the intersection at Northcote Road and Shepherds Hill Road.

I would appreciate if your Department could investigate these suggestions and provide me with 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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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 am writing on behalf of the Year 6 students at Hawthorndene Primary School. The students would like to see a bus shelter installed at Stop 39 Suffolk Road – South side, Hawthorndene to protect them from the weather. This stop is adjacent to the Primary School and a local business, with ample space for a shelter.

The students have all taken the time to write to me individually and outlined their concerns for each other and our community. They have also indicated that they would like to see the shelter be one of artistic merit and informed me that an indigenous artist has children at the school and would be happy to be involved with the project.

I understand that the Kurna board would need to be consulted to ensure they are supportive of the idea. I have spoken to members of the Rail Care team, and they are happy to be involved in the project.

I encourage you to read the students letters to understand their concerns and consider their request.

In considering this request, may I also draw your attention to Stop 38 Rankeys Hill Rd - North East side which also lacks a shelter. Many children congregate here to catch the bus to Blackwood High School. From personal experience driving past the stop, students often stand in the rain whilst waiting for the bus. A shelter at this location would also be much appreciated.

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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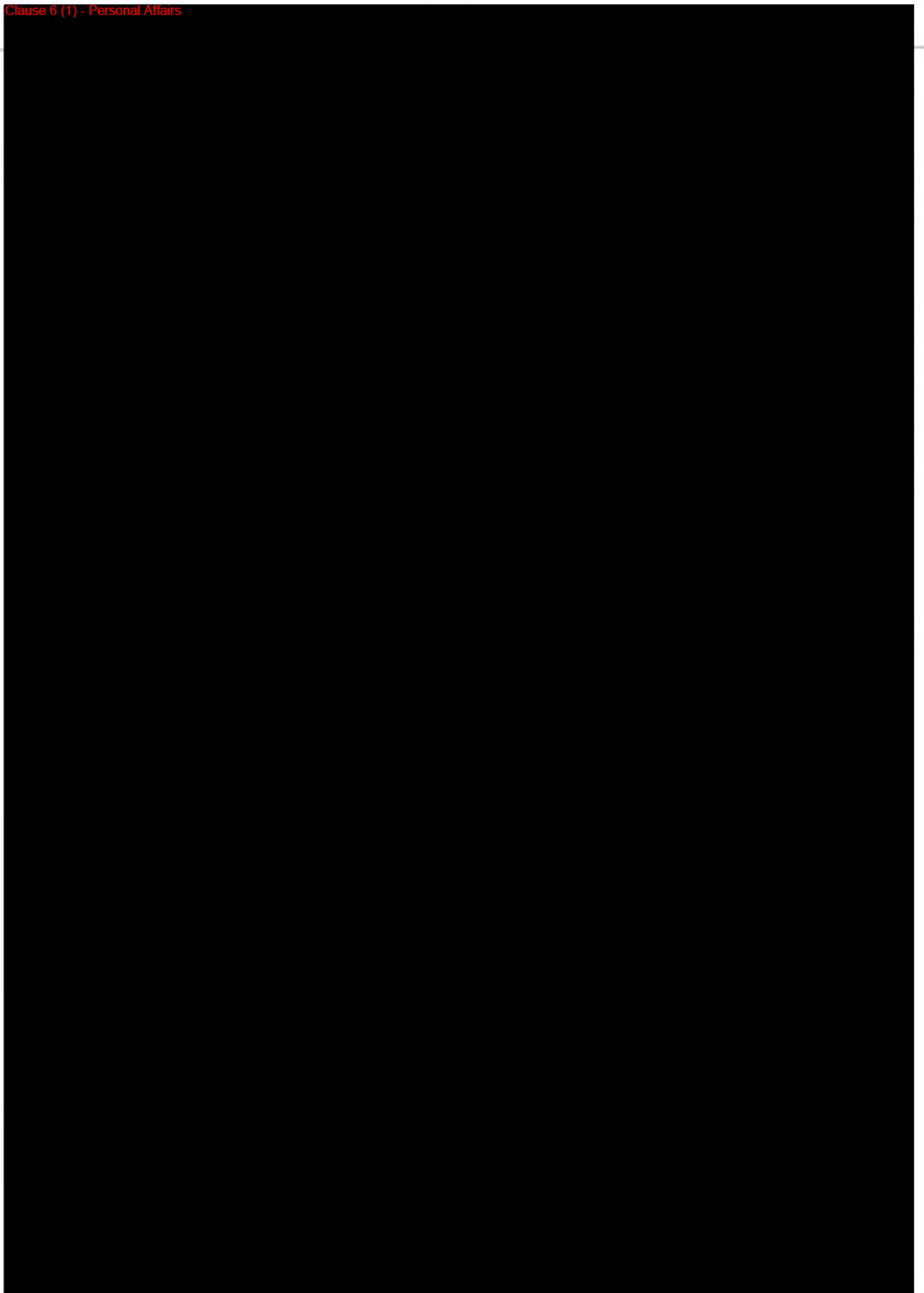
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Encl. Letters from Year 6 Hawthorndene Primary School students

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Catherine Hutchesson MP

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of users of Upper Sturt Road regarding drainage issues that are being experienced in wet weather.

Members of my community have raised concerns of water pooling on the road outside the Belair National Park main entrance in Glenalta. This occurs during wet weather and the water pooling can become significant during heavy rainfall.

I understand that some works were undertaken last year relating to this issue, however I am advised that it is not fully rectified and continues to pose a safety risk to road users through creating an unexpected road hazard, with water splashing also limiting visibility.

The main areas that experience these drainage issues on Upper Sturt Road are between Kirawina Grove and Californian Crescent.

I have also made representations to the City of Mitcham regarding this issue and have attached their correspondence for your reference.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate residents' concerns and provide a response, so I can best assist my constituents.

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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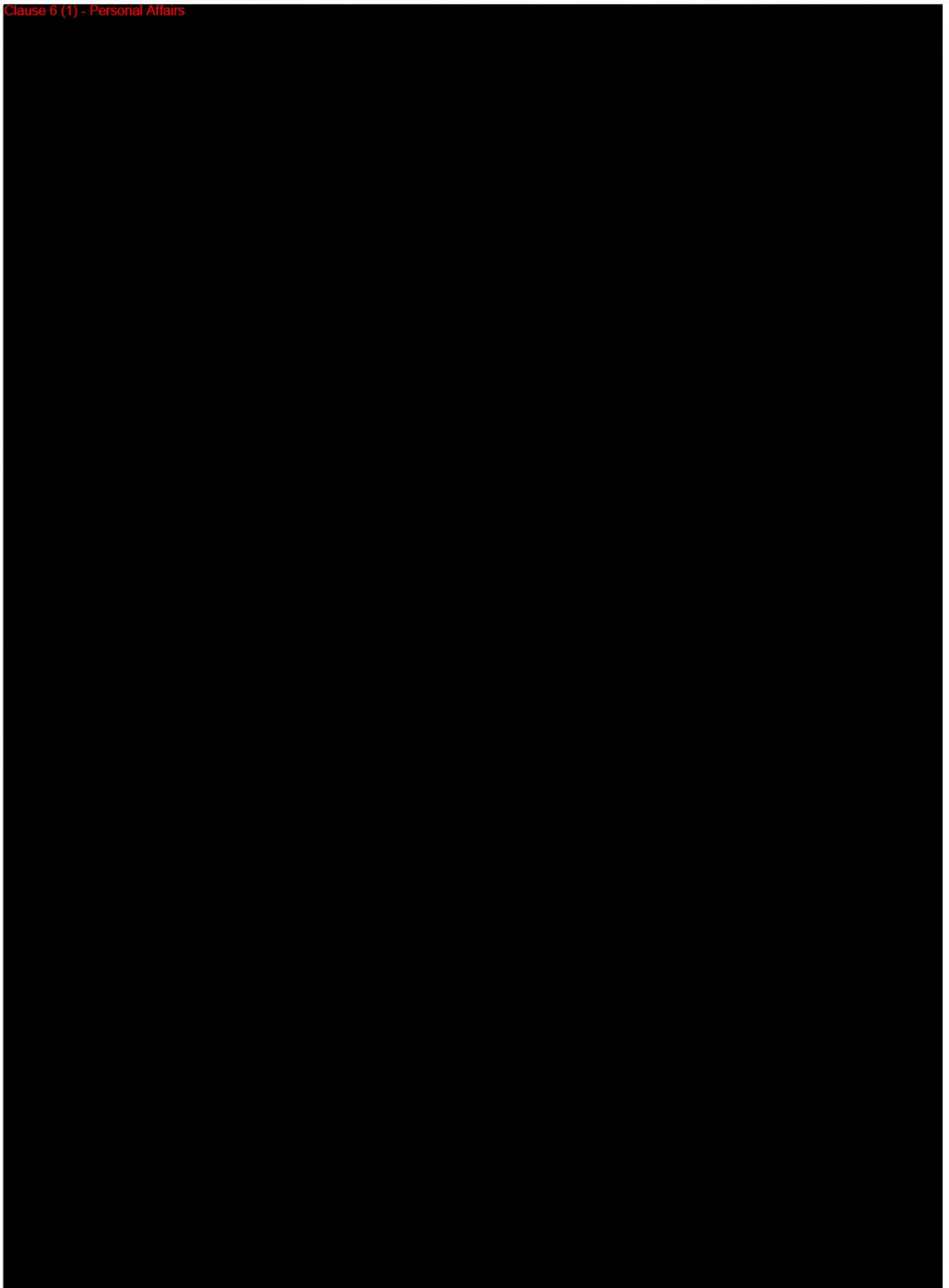
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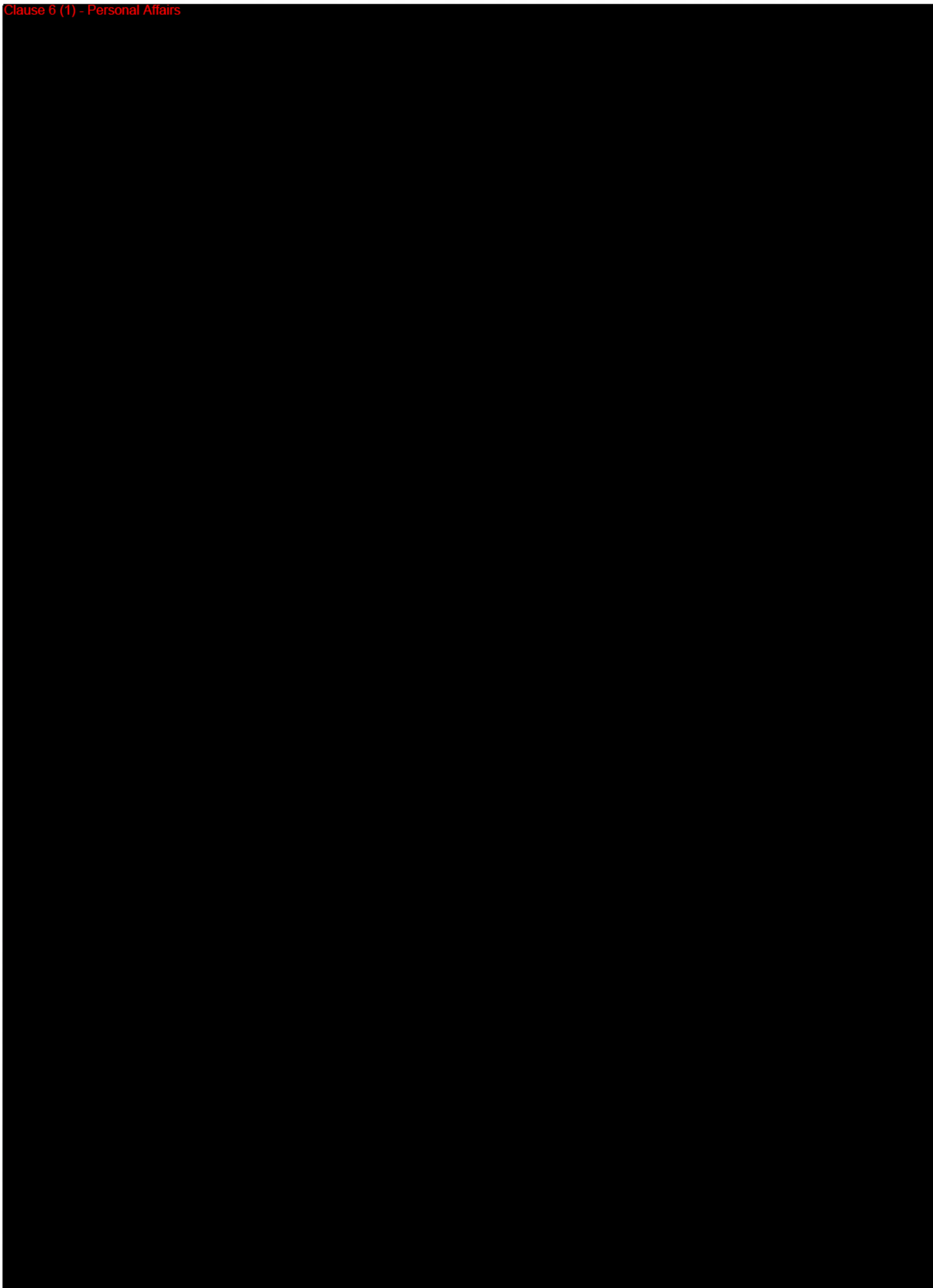
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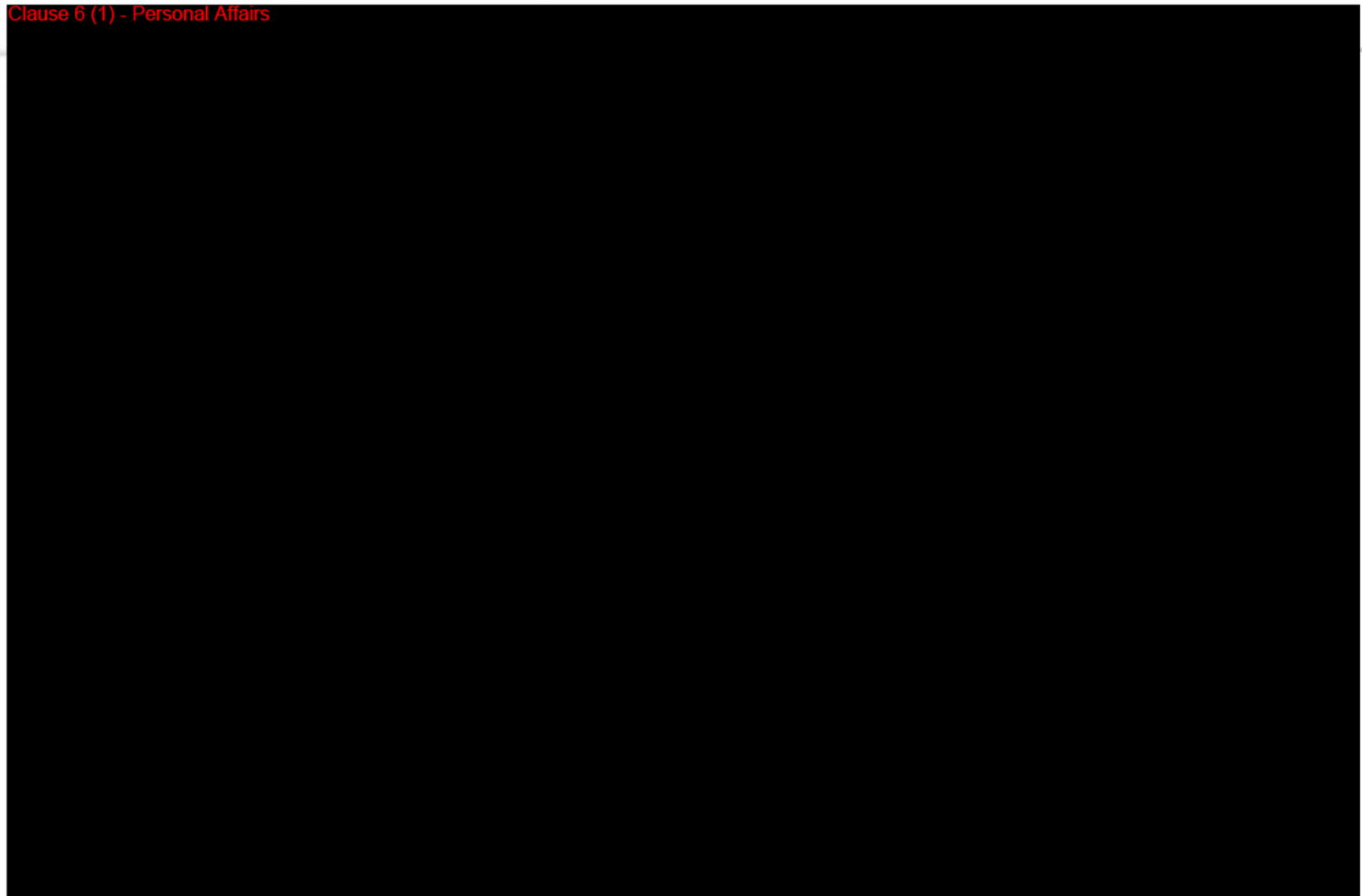
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Ms Catherine Hutchesson MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2023, to the Hon Joe Szakacs MP, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, on behalf of Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal** about large vehicles on James Road and Old Belair Road. As the matter you have raised falls within my portfolio responsibilities, Minister Szakacs has referred your correspondence to me for a response. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that all state government contracted bus operators are advised not to use Old Belair Road when detouring or when out of service, however there may be instances where non-government buses use this road. Nevertheless, the Department will issue another reminder to ensure drivers are aware of this restriction.

The Department also acknowledges that due to the geometry of Old Belair Road and James Road, heavy vehicles may travel over the centreline, particularly around bends in the road. Therefore, further investigations will be undertaken examining the maximum vehicle sizes on both roads and, if any new restrictions are implemented, what impacts this would have on vehicles on alternative routes. These investigations are anticipated to be completed by end of October 2023.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
25 / 7 / 2023



Catherine Hutchesson MP

MEMBER FOR WAITE



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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I write to express my excitement that the Tour Down Under will be visiting our community in January. This prestigious event presents a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of our area and share in the carnival atmosphere.

The race is set to wind its way up Belair Road and along Main Road through Blackwood and descent into Coromandel Valley. This route places my electorate and community in the global spotlight, a prospect that I am very proud of. However, I believe that certain minor enhancements could significantly improve the aesthetic appeal of the roadway.

In the heart of Blackwood, along Main Road, there are numerous central road islands featuring built-in garden beds. Regrettably, the lack of upkeep of these gardens has resulted in the growth of weeds. I understand that these installations were likely the responsibility of a contractor, but the lack of recent maintenance is evident.

I would ask that these garden beds receive the necessary attention to ensure Blackwood showcases its appeal to the world. This modest investment in our community's appearance would significantly enhance the overall perception of our area during the globally televised event.

Additionally, I would like to propose that some road maintenance be carried out along the race route, particularly on Belair Road. This would not only ensure the safety of the cyclists but also contribute to the enjoyment of the spectators and visitors who will be attending the race.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate these suggestions and provide 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

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Catherine Hutchesson MP

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

By Email: ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you regarding the Royal Adelaide Show in September, an event that traditionally sees a significant increase in the use of the Belair train line by my local community.

As you may be aware, our region is home to a vibrant mountain biking community who regularly utilise the train for transportation from Mitcham Station to Belair. Given the potential overlap between these two groups, particularly on weekends and student-free days, I believe it would be of interest to explore solutions that can effectively manage the increased demand for train services during this period.

Over the past few months, I have been in consultation with various stakeholders to address instances of anti-social behaviour that tend to arise on the Belair train when large numbers of young riders board. These discussions have involved representatives from SAPOL, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Keolis Downer, Mitcham Council, your office and myself. During our most recent meeting, the proposition of introducing a shuttle service for the bike riders was considered, with the aim of reducing the number of bike riders on the trains.

Upon engaging with representatives from Keolis Downer, I was informed that this idea had been previously considered prior to the State Election but was not pursued further. Within our community, we have a local mountain bike tourism business, Escape Goat, which has estimated that the cost to provide such a service would be approximately \$800 per day. This would enable the provision of a shuttle service from the train station to the various trails in a loop service.

I would like to request a comprehensive review of this proposal, with the potential for a trial service to be implemented during the Royal Adelaide Show period. Not only would this free up seats for show attendees, ensuring a more comfortable ride, it would also provide an opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of a shuttle service during the forthcoming school holidays when rider numbers typically increase.

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In order to ensure the safety and accountability of our young riders, I propose the implementation of a rider registration system to secure parental consent. This would also engage parents in initiatives such as this, which are aimed at improving transportation options for trail users.

It would be appreciated if your Department could undertake an assessment as to whether a trial would be possible.

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

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26 July 2023



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Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you about the Glenalta Railway Station, a significant entry point into the Blackwood area that is frequented by thousands of cars daily.

Recently, an ANZAC mural was established along the fenceline, and in collaboration with the local community group, Blackwood Action Group, we initiated a project to green the adjacent barren area. The community's response to these improvements has been overwhelmingly positive, which has driven me to address the deteriorating condition of the Glenalta platform.

Currently, the freight platform is disused, overgrown with vegetation and impacted by graffiti. Although ARTC recently painted the front face of the platform and nearby signal box, the work was primarily aimed at covering graffiti and unfortunately, the area has been vandalised again.

In the interest of beautifying this site, I attended a meeting with representatives from the nearby Belair Hotel, ARTC, Rail Care, and your office to discuss potential improvements that could enhance the Station's appearance and create a more attractive entry to Blackwood.

During these discussions, all parties expressed enthusiasm for the idea of introducing artwork along the platform. Such an initiative could not only deter graffiti but also improve the journey of rail passengers. As you would know, the Belair Line boasts picturesque views, and I am keen to extend this beauty to the stations, specifically the currently neglected freight platforms.

Last year, I assisted the Blackwood Action Group in gaining access to the freight platform at Coromandel Station to begin a garden clearing and replanting project. Similarly, the Belair Station, a site of historical significance, is maintained by a wonderful group of volunteers who do their best to maintain the aging infrastructure.

I believe that the Belair Line holds the potential to become a tourist attraction, with each platform telling a unique story. I envision this narrative beginning at Glenalta. Rail Care has suggested that the proposed artwork could extend the story told through our ANZAC mural and incorporate Aboriginal Art.

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I would like to request that the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Keolis Downer, and ARTC consider providing financial support for this project. The Belair Hotel Group has also expressed interest in participating in this project.

With the Tour Down Under passing through this area in January, it would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the revitalised area and welcome the cyclists, tourists and viewers to Blackwood.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate these suggestions and provide a response. I would be happy to discuss this idea with you further.

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

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 20 July 2023, on behalf of Year 6 students at Hawthorndene Primary School, about a bus shelter at Stop 39 Suffolk Road - South side, Hawthorndene.

I would like to pass on my thanks to the Year 5 and 6 students that have taken the time to provide their feedback and suggestions regarding this bus stop.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) understands the importance of bus shelters in improving the amenity and experience for public transport passengers.

The Department advise that the shelter has been added to their annual program.

Whilst there is no determined date on when works are expected to occur, the Department are in ongoing discussions with the school regarding artwork.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the Hawthorndene Primary School community on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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Catherine Hutchesson MP

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

Dear Minister

I am writing to you regarding timetabled school bus services for Blackwood High School students.

Blackwood High School students have made representations to me with their concerns and suggested improvements to the current bus timetable.

These include reducing confusion with multiple 600 and 605 bus services having the same route number, despite traversing different routes. As well as aligning the 601 bus service's Monday timetable with the day's early dismissal time.

I have attached a proposal created by a Blackwood High School student for your consideration.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate these suggestions and provide 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

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16 August 2023

Encl. 'Blackwood High School April 2023 Bus Services Proposal'

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Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs



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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine*

Thank you for your letter dated 19 April 2023, on behalf of Mr **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** about the Adelaide to Belair rail corridor. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

From your letter, I understand that Mr **Clause 6 (1) -** has observed an increase in rail freight. Rail freight activity did indeed increase, particularly between October 2022 and January 2023. This was a result of major flooding in New South Wales, which resulted in freight from Sydney to Perth having to be directed via Melbourne and Adelaide. I expect rail freight levels should now have returned to their pre-October 2022 levels.

Regarding passenger rail, as you are aware, the Malinauskas Labor Government committed to undertaking a Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Transport Study (the Study), which considers public transport solutions for Mount Barker, including the potential for a passenger train.

The Study commenced in September 2022 and has included a technical assessment of the transport network in the Adelaide Hills as well as stakeholder and community engagement.

The initial engagement process focused on listening, learning and gathering local insights on current experiences travelling in the region. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport is currently analysing this information and finalising a 'what we heard' report. Further engagement is expected to take place later this year.

An Area Transport Study report is also being prepared that outlines key issues impacting the region, including potential focus areas for future transport improvements.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July 2023, requesting aesthetic improvements along Belair Road for the Tour Down Under.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that it has undertaken an inspection of the race route with Tour Down Under organisers. Areas that have been identified for attention and rectification will be addressed before the commencement of the race.

With respect to medians, the Department has no plans to improve the amenity of the existing medians.

In general, the Department maintains a basic standard that meets road safety requirements and minimises ongoing maintenance costs. Where councils wish to provide a higher level of amenity, they are invited to take over maintenance and may introduce plantings or other features in accordance with their overall streetscaping objectives.

I encourage you to contact the City of Mitcham regarding local amenities that they may be planning to improve in preparation for the Tour Down Under.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis
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Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you regarding the intersection of Laffers Road and Main Road, Glenalta which has been a topic of concern among our local community members.

The intersection's accessibility, particularly when turning onto Main Road, has been frequently mentioned by local residents due to lengthy waiting times. Safety concerns have also been expressed, especially during peak traffic hours.

I have also recently received a letter from the City of Mitcham requesting an update on any potential upgrades at the intersection to improve traffic flow when turning from Laffers Road.

I understand that the Council has also written to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport regarding this matter.

It would be appreciated if your Department could provide any updates regarding the Laffers Road and Main Road intersection, so I can best respond to the City of Mitcham, as well as local residents.

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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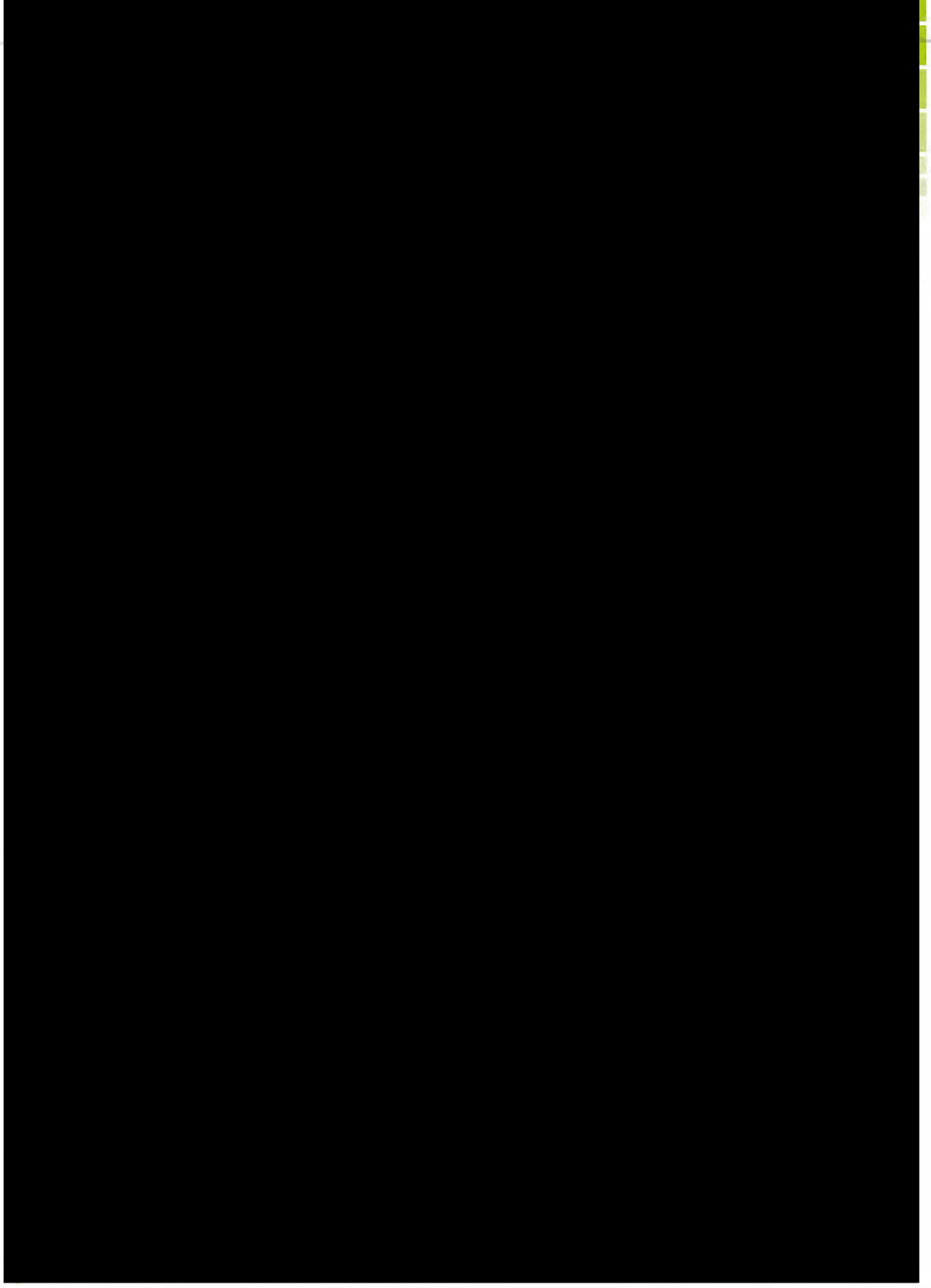
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Catherine,
Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2023, on behalf of students, about timetabled school bus services for Blackwood High School.

Firstly, I acknowledge the efforts of Blackwood High School students of raising this matter and providing a detailed proposal of their suggestions. Upon receiving the correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) to investigate these suggestions.

The Department advises that Blackwood High School is currently serviced by two vehicles operating on route 600 and two vehicles operating on route 605 during the AM peak, to provide enough capacity for the demand. The first route 600 vehicle commences from Old Reynella Interchange, the second vehicle commences from Aberfoyle Hub, while both 605 services commence from 'Stop 30 Flagstaff Rd – East side'.

It should be noted that, analysis of patronage data shows most passengers using these services are students travelling to Blackwood High School, however general members of the public frequently use these services as well.

Implementing a dedicated route 953 and 956 bus service to replace the route 600 and 605 bus services as requested in your correspondence, will prevent members of the general public from using these services.

Notwithstanding, the Department will further investigate the feasibility of creating a dedicated school bus for one route 600 service and one route 605 service.

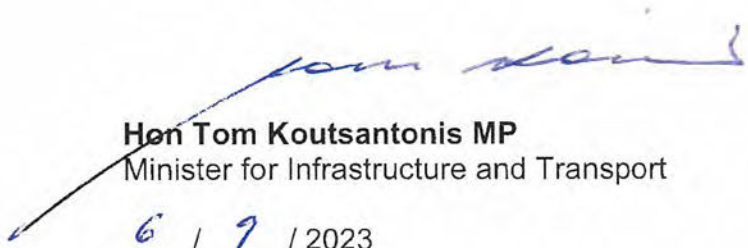
Furthermore, analysis of the timetables showed an error where one route 600 service was setting down at 'Stop 30 Shepherds Hill Rd - South East side' rather than 'Stop Blackwood High School Set Down'. This error will be fixed and corrected on the website and in the real time passenger information system.

For your information, as part of the recent service changes implemented on 24 July 2023, an additional school route 957 was introduced, departing Blackwood High School at 2.33pm on Mondays, which follows the 601 route to Aberfoyle Hub Interchange. This service operates as suggested in your correspondence and the

Department will investigate the feasibility of extending this service to Old Reynella Interchange in future service changes.

Your constituents may also wish to use the Journey Planner on the Adelaide Metro website (www.adelaidemetro.com.au) to ensure they are aware of the best public transport options in their area.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Catherine Hutchesson MP

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of my community to express concerns relating to the operation of the 601 bus service from Marion Centre to Blackwood, Darlington and Aberfoyle Hub.

Residents of Coromandel Valley have brought to my attention the inconvenience caused by the absence of the 601 bus service on Sundays which operates along Main Road.

The lack of public transport on this day significantly alters their ability to travel to Marion Shopping Centre or Blackwood to continue to the City. As a result, residents are often compelled to rely on personal vehicles or other less convenient forms of transportation.

I understand that this bus service is highly important to Coromandel Valley residents, as it is the only public transport route to traverse the eastern side of the suburb.

It would be appreciated if your Department could consider the feasibility of introducing the 601 bus service on Sundays, to better meet the needs of Coromandel Valley residents.

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of my community to express concerns about the inadequate lighting at the Belair Railway Station.

Local residents have raised concerns with me regarding the insufficient lighting around the station, especially along the pathway leading to Lindsay Terrace on the southern platform.

Given that this path is secluded and surrounded solely by vegetation, it becomes quite dark and potentially unsafe for commuters during non-daylight hours.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate the possibility of enhancing the lighting around the Belair Railway Station and along this specific path. This would not only improve visibility but also significantly increase the safety of the station users.

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

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Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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

Dear Minister *Tom*

I am writing to you on behalf of my community regarding concerns relating to the timetabling of the 195 and 196 bus services.

Local residents along the bus routes have made representations to me relating to the lack of service during weekday evenings. Currently, the last bus departs from Blackwood Interchange for the City at 4:10pm.

This early termination of service poses a significant inconvenience to members of our community who wish to travel to the city for events or other engagements during the evening. This is especially true for residents in suburbs such as Hawthorndene and western Belair which lacks other public transport options.

As a result, residents are compelled to drive to train stations or their intended destinations due to the lack of accessible public transport during this period.

It would be appreciated if you Department could investigate extending bus services along the 195 and 196 routes into the evening hours.

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

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Ms Catherine Hutchesson MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Catherine,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2023 about the safety of residents of Craighburn Farm during emergencies, in particular bushfires. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that the City of Mitcham (the Council) undertook a feasibility study into a western road bypass at Craighburn Farm, completing it in June 2019.

The study investigated a total of 12 alignment options, which were developed by considering a number of assessment criteria, including bushfire emergency egress and fire risk to human life and property.

The study concluded that existing exit options were adequate for the size of the residential population and that none of the alternative bushfire bypass emergency egress alignments were safer than the existing situation.

Further, of all the alternative alignment options considered, only one was considered to merit further investigation – opening Star Lily Street to connect more directly with Brighton Parade.

As you are aware, the Council subsequently installed a new gate at Star Lily Street, adjacent Cuming Street, to make it an emergency-exit road in the same fashion as Verdelho Street.

These streets, along with Coromandel Parade and others in Craighburn Farm, come under the care, control and management of the Council. Any upgrades to these streets are a matter for the Council, as the responsible authority.

For your information, the State Government uses a range of public communications methods to inform communities about bushfire preparation and during an actual bushfire event. The Department and local councils contribute to traffic and road communications where appropriate.

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission also has an Alert SA website to better inform communities of fires and emergencies. More information is available at <http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au>. The Department contributes arterial road traffic information to this website and the mobile application.

The Country Fire Service (CFS) also provides community bushfire preparedness communications. Messages regarding preparedness and safety are relayed by the CFS through a variety of news and social media formats at the time of the event.

Road closure and detour information can be communicated through a range of means such as radio and government websites, including South Australia Police and departmental websites. Further information can be obtained from the CFS website at <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>.

Should you require further information regarding emergency service responses and management to any potential fires, I encourage you to contact the Hon Joe Szakacs MP, Minister for Emergency Services on ministerszakacs@sa.gov.au.

On a final note, the Department is delivering the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety (PRS) Package, which aims to upgrade some of the region's key strategic arterial roads. The \$150 million initiative, jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments (80:20) over five years, includes a range of road improvements to support economic growth, improve road safety and increase fire resilience in the Adelaide Hills area.

While not directly located in Craighburn Farm, the nearby section of Main Road between Edgecumbe Parade, Blackwood and Black Road, Coromandel Valley has been identified for upgrades as part of the Adelaide Hills PRS Package.

Local insights received in late 2022 as part of initial community engagement held on the Adelaide Hills PRS Package are now being used to inform designs for safety upgrades across the Package corridors. As these proposed designs progress through 2023, the Department will share them with the community for feedback.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

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

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2023, about the right turn lane on Blythewood Road serving Scotch College. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that the additions and alterations to Scotch College were subject to a development application that was submitted to the State Commissioner Assessment Panel (SCAP) in 2019.

This application included modifications to the access arrangements to the college, including the provision of a right turn lane on Blythewood Road adjacent Thorpe Street.

The application was subject to public notification pursuant to the requirements of the *Development Act 1993* and Development Regulations 2018, which were in force at that time.

This notification was sent to all adjoining owners and occupiers with only three representations being received by the SCAP. None of these representations identified concerns with the proposed right turn lane.

The subject proposal was referred by the SCAP to the Department for consideration and advice on the proposed changes to access and treatments on Blythewood Road. The Department supported the proposal, including the proposed right turn lane, subject to recommended conditions. This right turn lane enables school traffic to store clear of through traffic on Blythewood Road, minimising traffic congestion at this location.


As part of its assessment, the Department identified that the potential impacts of the right turn treatment on the Blythewood Road/Thorpe Street junction would need to be further considered at the detailed design stage.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the new layout results in a solid line being marked across Thorpe Street, vehicles are still permitted to undertake right turns into Thorpe Street, if both lanes of traffic are clear and if it is safe to do so. Vehicles must store within the Blythewood Road travel lane and not store within the right turn lane.

It is worth noting that an alternate route to access Thorpe Street exists via Glenburnie Avenue, or by utilising the Blythewood Road/Belair Road roundabout to undertake a U-turn manoeuvre.

Given the safety benefits of the right turn lane, the Department has no plans to make changes to the existing right turn lane or layout of the site at this time. I have nevertheless requested the Department to continue monitoring traffic movements at this intersection, in the interests of road safety.

Yours sincerely



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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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 Waite constituent Ms **Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs** of Glenalta regarding her concerns about the lack of a formal detour for motorists in the event that the Main Road, Glenalta railway crossing is closed.

Ms **Clause 6 (1)** has raised that during these closures which occur during maintenance or if the boom gates are stuck, traffic generally traverses Nottingham Way and Greenwood Crescent to access Blackwood, however both roads are narrow and winding posing a safety risk to pedestrians and motorists.

Due to the volume of traffic that must detour during these closures, it may be worth considering permanent emergency detour signage advising motorists that Rosella Avenue to Hawthorndene Drive is the detour route for vehicles. Alternatively, Laffers Road to Upper Sturt Road could also be considered.

As these routes are more direct and appropriate for higher volumes of traffic, this may improve community safety especially during emergency situations, such as a bushfire.

It would be appreciated if your Department could investigate this suggestion and provide 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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Dear Ms Hutchesson *Catherine,*

Thank you for your letter dated 11 September 2023, on behalf of residents of Coromandel Valley about the absence of the route 601 bus service from Marion Centre to Blackwood, Darlington and Aberfoyle Hub on Sundays.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has undertaken a review of services throughout the Mitcham Hills area, including Coromandel Valley.

Given the information obtained, the Department advises that the existing network frequency, passenger capacity and operating hours of current bus services in Coromandel Valley is appropriate for the current level of patronage demand.

The Department acknowledges the benefit that some residents in Coromandel Valley may experience having bus services on Sundays for traveling to Marion and the City.

However, implementing a route 601 bus service on Sundays is currently not a viable option due to insufficient demand. Implementing such a service would require additional resourcing or the reallocation of existing public transport resources from other areas within the metropolitan network, which cannot be justified at present.

I have however, asked the Department to consider your constituents' suggestions for consideration in future planning. Any future provision of services operating in this area will be based on demand relative to all other areas across the network to ensure the greatest benefit to the community as a whole.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me about this matter, and for your advocacy on behalf of your community.

Yours sincerely

Tom Koutsantonis

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Catherine,
Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2023, about drainage along Upper Sturt Road. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that the footpath along Upper Sturt Road, between Kirawina Grove and Californian Crescent, was constructed by the City of Mitcham (Council) higher than the adjacent road, interfering with roadside drainage.

Stormwater management is the responsibility of Council, and I have requested that the Department liaise with Council regarding this issue.

Please be assured that the Department will also continue to monitor and ensure regular cleaning of its drainage infrastructure along Upper Sturt Road. In extreme weather events when the water cannot be drained from the carriageway, advisory signage warning approaching motorists that there is a hazard ahead will be implemented.

I also encourage road users to contact the Department's 24-hour Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313 for matters requiring immediate attention. Calling this number to report an issue directly allows the operator to ask for clarification and will result in a more timely investigation and corrective action, if required.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Hutchesson

Catherine,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 September 2023, on behalf of your community about concerns relating to the timetabling of the route 195 and route 196 bus services.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) acknowledges and appreciates the benefits that some residents would receive by providing additional services between Blackwood Interchange and the City during the evening.

However, the Department advise that it is currently not feasible and would require reallocating the limited existing public transport resources from other areas across the metropolitan network.

Nevertheless, I have provided the suggestions of your constituents to the Department for consideration when considering any future service changes.

Should any of your constituents wish to provide any further feedback regarding public transport services or need assistance with the best public transport options for their journey, I encourage them to contact Adelaide Metro through its website at www.adelaidemetro.com.au. Alternatively, they can contact the InfoLine on 1300 311 108 and speak with a Customer Service Officer.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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