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Dear Ms Girolamo

### **APPLICATION UNDER THE *FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991***

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), dated 27 February 2023.

Your application seeks access to:

*“All correspondence received from the Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP, and any responses (Member initiated) and correspondence sent by the Minister to the Member (Minister initiated) including responses to that correspondence. The correspondence in scope is correspondence relating to the Minister’s portfolios, between 1/1/2023 to 31/1/2023.”*

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my determination. An extensive search was conducted within this office. A total of 5 documents were identified as answering the terms of your application.

I grant you access in full to 1 document; a copy of which is enclosed.

I grant you access in part to 4 documents; copies of which are enclosed.

#### **Documents Released in Full**

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#### **Documents Released in Part**

Documents 1, 2, 3 and 5 are all released in part as they contain the name of a constituent within the Light electorate office and if released would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information. I therefore determine this information exempt pursuant to clause 6 to the FOI Act.

## Exemption

### **Clause 6 – Documents affecting personal affairs**

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

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

No fees and charges are payable for this application.

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

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

Yours sincerely



**Carly McNeill**  
Accredited FOI Officer

29 / 3 / 2023

**RELEASE**





OUR COMMUNITY MATTERS

**TONY PICCOLO MP**

MEMBER FOR LIGHT

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

**BY EMAIL:** [ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister

### **Taxi Services Review for Gawler and its Surrounds**

I write to you regarding the concerns of a multitude of constituents who have contacted my office.

Much of my electorate has expressed dissatisfaction at the present state of taxi services in our community and, as the State Member for Light, I would like to request a review of these services to be undertaken by the Government.

Taxi services in Gawler, and its surrounding localities including Evanston, Kudla, Willaston and Hewett, as well as further north entering the Barossa Valley, are crippled due to decisions made by the previous Liberal Government.

In particular, Suburban Taxis were contracted to provide services for the Gawler area on an ongoing basis. Because Suburban are based farther south within the northern suburbs, its drivers are generally unwilling to venture northwards towards the Gawler region. This is in large part because the costs involved when travelling such a distance outweighs to profit to be made as a cab driver. In turn, for the passenger, wait times and prices can increase dramatically.

As a result, the taxi industry has come to a standstill in the Light Electorate. Potential passengers are unable to access cab transport in the Gawler area, which can bar the elderly, disabled and vulnerable from reaching essential services, such as supermarkets and government departments. This is due to the severe lack of competition in the taxi industry in this area, which has effectively provided a company unable to service the area a monopoly in the region.



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The above issues become exacerbated even further when considering the lack of alternate means of public transport in the Gawler area. While the return of train services on the Gawler line, the 495 On-Demand Bus service and other Adelaide Metro buses offer some means for residents to reach certain areas of the Gawler region, it remains significantly difficult for certain constituents that require more direct transport.

As such, my constituents and I believe it necessary that a review of taxi services in the area be conducted by the State Government with a view towards:

- Offering consistent and reliable taxi transport for residents in the Gawler area during both day and night hours
- Creating effective market competition within the taxi industry in the Gawler area, so as to mitigate the issues aforementioned and
- Establishing a set of conditions for both companies and consumers that offer benefits for both drivers and passengers

Such a review may be of significant benefit towards the Gawler area, firstly in creating a plan to help provide residents, without a means of public or road transport, reliable access to essential services. With the population of this area, as well as its surrounds, growing rapidly with the establishment of new housing developments and the renewal of existing areas, a consistent taxi service is necessary to support such growth.

Second, this review provides an opportunity to create a thriving, competitive taxi industry in the area. By inviting other companies, which may be based locally, to offer taxi services in the area, this has the potential to drive fare costs down for consumers and provide more work for cab drivers in the area.

Finally, this review, in the form of introducing greater market competition in the taxi industry, would also benefit communities further north, such as the Barossa Valley. The Barossa also has significant challenges regarding transport within the region, and such a review has the potential address these issues as changes to taxi services in the Gawler region may “spill over” to nearby, more rural areas.

It would be appreciated if your office can investigate the possibility of conducting such a review in the near future, and advise on any action planned for the future.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards



**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**  
*Member for Light*  
12 January 2023



**RELEASE IN PART**

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP



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Dear Mr Piccolo

Handwritten signature of Tony Piccolo in blue ink.

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November 2022 on behalf of Mr [REDACTED] about the condition of Redbanks Road.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal  
Affairs

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has advised me that a recent inspection of Redbanks Road identified the requirement for pavement patching between Hogben Road and Mudla Wirra Road.

Works are anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2023, weather permitting.

Please be assured that all roads, under the care, control and management of the Department are regularly inspected with any minor repairs made to ensure the road is maintained in a safe condition for all road users.

For matters requiring immediate attention, I encourage 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 repair where required.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Mr Piccolo *Tony,*

Thank you for your letter dated 10 November 2022 on behalf of Mr Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs about "turn right with care" signage at the Main North Road/Tulloch Road/Morrow Avenue signalised intersection, Evanston Park.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has advised me that right turn traffic from Main North Road filters at all times, with motorists turning right required to give way to all oncoming traffic.

Further to this, turning movements from Tulloch Road and Morrow Avenue are controlled by turning arrows.

I am pleased to advise that to reinforce the requirement for right turners from Main North Road to give way to oncoming vehicles, the installation of 'Turn Right With Care' flashing signage will be included in a prioritisation list of projects to receive future funding. The prioritisation of projects on a state-wide basis ensures that the funds available each year are allocated to the projects where the greatest benefit can be provided to the community as a whole.

Yours sincerely

*Tom Koutsantonis*  
**Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP**  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
9 / 1 / 2023





**TONY PICCOLO MP**  
MEMBER FOR LIGHT

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**GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**BY EMAIL:** ministerkoutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Traffic Management in the Vicinity of Xavier College, Gawler Belt**

I write to you regarding an enquiry raised by Ms Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs  
Gawler Belt., who is concerned with the excessive use of Barkley Drive by traffic  
that originates from congestion on Redbanks Road, Gawler Belt.

Clause 6 (1) - Personal Affairs

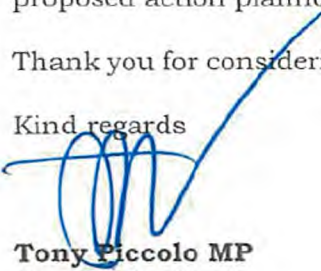
The General Manager has indicated that the reason Barkley Drive receives traffic at drop-off and pick-up times from Xavier College is due to the fact that the more widely used route, through Kentish then Redbanks Roads, is significantly congested. This forces drivers to seek alternative routes, which includes residential streets.

As such, in the constituent's interest of alleviating significant traffic presence on Barkley Drive, could you please advise on the state of this issue in regard to Redbanks Road?

It would be appreciated if your office could provide information and any proposed action planned for the future regarding this matter.

Thank you for considering this important issue. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

  
**Tony Piccolo MP**  
Member for Light  
10 January 2023



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Dear Mr Piccolo

Thank you for your email dated 4 January 2023 on behalf of Mr [redacted] regarding his application for driver accreditation [redacted]

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Yours sincerely

  
Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

20 / 1 / 2023