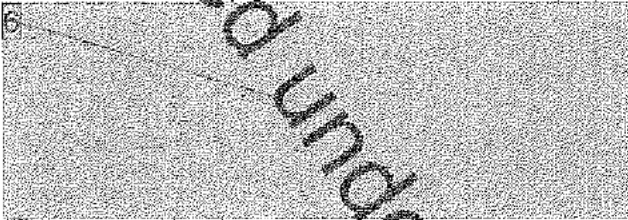


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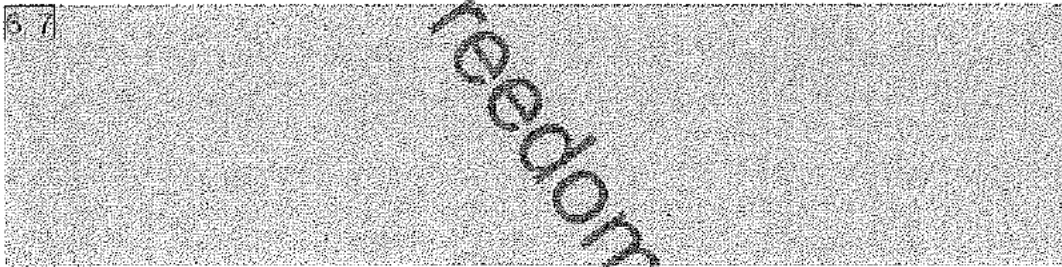


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Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Mayor

Cc: Minister Stephan Knoll
Council Elected Members



premium wine food tourism heritage lifestyle community

DPTI:Minister Knoll

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, 13 July 2020 9:54 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: DL Elected Members; DPTI:Minister Knoll
 Subject: 20MTI2461 - Response from [REDACTED] RE: Rail Corridor between Gawler and Tanunda Rail Corridor

Excellent response and to the point [REDACTED] its sad that because of this the funds for Altona bridge have now gone elsewhere. Vested interests have "derailed" a bridge project which was important.

Cheers
 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
 Elected Member

T: 08 8563 8444

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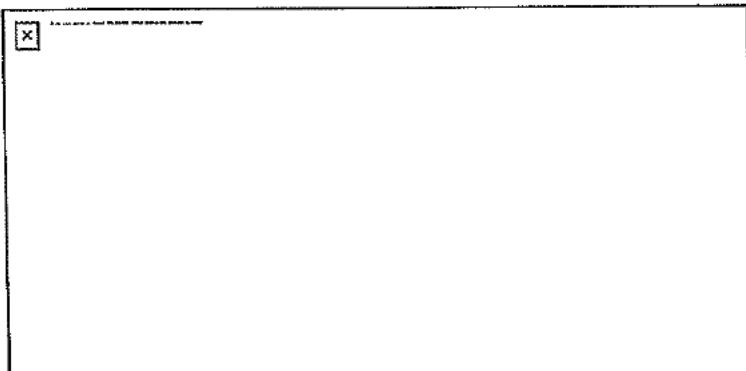
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 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: DL Elected Members [REDACTED] 'ministerknoll@sa.gov.au'
 <ministerknoll@sa.gov.au>
 Subject: Response letter - Rail Corridor

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached a response letter regarding the rail corridor.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
 Mayor



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 June 2020 6:12 PM
To: DPT:Minister Knoll
Subject: 20MT12461 - INCOMING: - Response from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] - The Barossa Council - RE: Rail Corridor between Gawler and Tanunda
Attachments: [REDACTED] Letter - 9 June 2020.docx; ATT00001.txt

Stephan please find attached a draft of my letter I wish to send to [REDACTED] confirming my briefing discussions with him last week.
 I would appreciate if you can look it over and make sure that I haven't misrepresented your comments to me.
 Cheers

[REDACTED]
 Mayor

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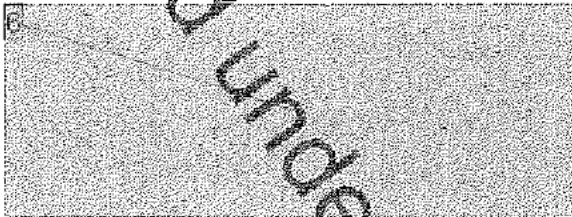
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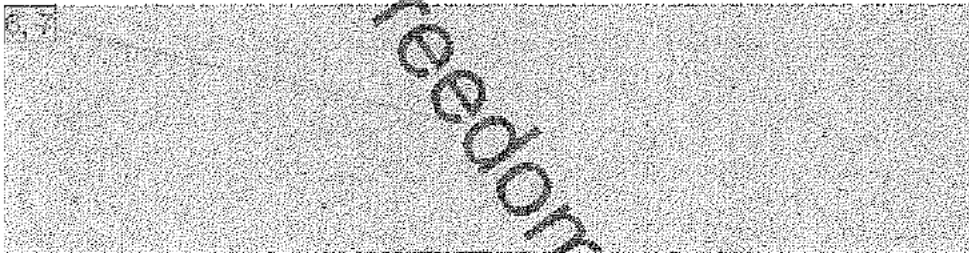


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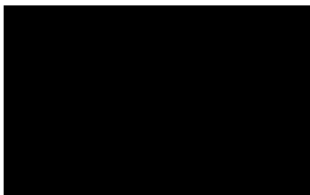


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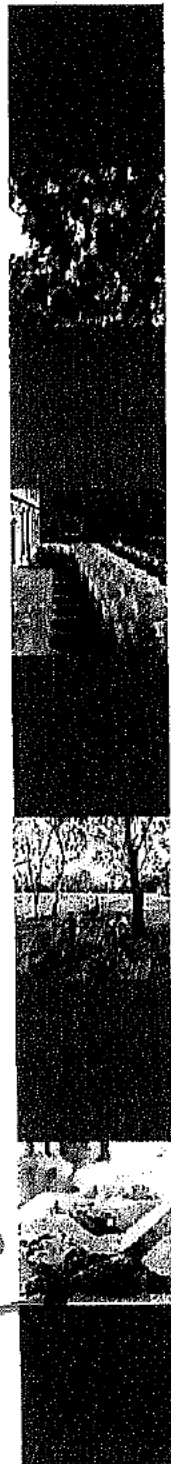
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Yours sincerely



Mayor

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Council Elected Members



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Hon. Stephan Knoll



Government of South Australia
Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to: 2019/09145/01

TO: MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL
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RE: USE OF THE BAROSSA RAIL CORRIDOR - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

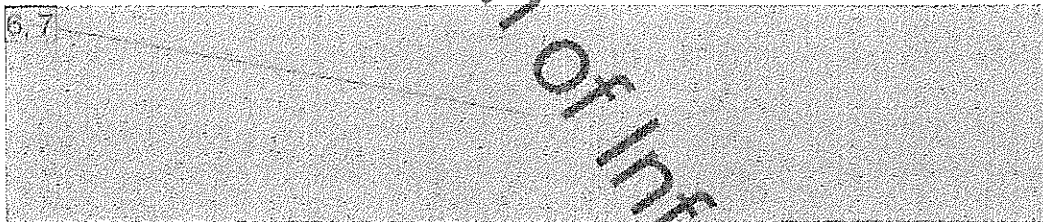
PURPOSE

To advise you of the outcome of the call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) in the Use of the Barossa Rail Corridor.

BACKGROUND

Following representations earlier in 2019 by interested parties for potential future use for all or some part of the Barossa Valley rail corridor, it was determined that an EOI would be conducted to provide all interested parties the opportunity to put forward their proposals to Government; and enable an impartial evidence-based analysis of their viability and potential benefits.

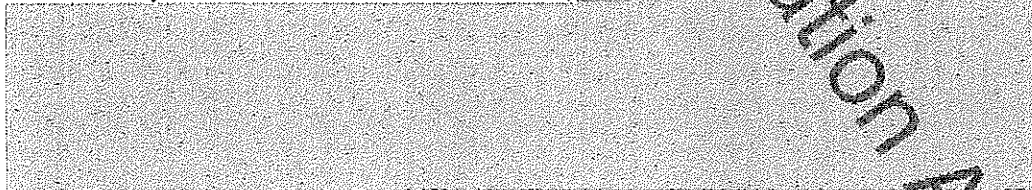
The EOI was issued on 9 August 2019 and closed on 10 September 2019. Five submissions were received:



Evaluation has been completed and the Evaluation Report is attached.

DISCUSSION

In summary of the five submissions received, 6.7



On the basis of responses received, and following evaluation, it has been determined that the EOI process be abandoned (in accordance with Part A, Clause 1.5 of the EOI).

Subsequent to your sign-off on this Minute, DPTI will write to each of the applicants advising them of the outcome of the process. It is recommended consideration be given to coordinating this with a media release (to be prepared). DPTI will also advise Genesee and Wyoming Australia (GWA) as a courtesy. OUT OF SCOPE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you note the outcomes of (EOI) for use of the Barossa Rail Corridor; the proposed next steps; OUT OF SCOPE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRANSPORT PLANNING AND
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Tony Braxton Smith
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

23 / 12 / 2019

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HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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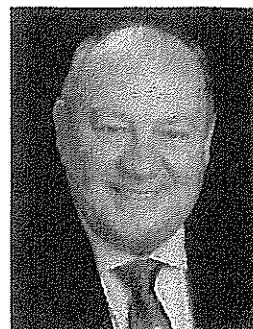
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23 AUG 2019

Hon. Stephan Knoll

**JON GEE MP**

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
 Minister for Transport, Infrastructure
 And Local Government
 GPO Box 1533
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Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of [REDACTED] who contacted my office recently about the state of the railway line hired by Genesee Wyoming.

[REDACTED] explained to me that he believes the railway line, predominantly between Gawler and Barossa are not being appropriately maintained to the standard as set out in their contract.

Can you please investigate [REDACTED] claims and provide your advice on what action the Marshall Liberal Government will engage in to ensure the company meet the requirements under their contract to maintain the railway lines.

I ask that you review this issue and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jon Gee'.

Jon Gee MP
 Member for Taylor

21/8/2019

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18th August 2019

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, South Australia.

Dear Mr. Knoll,

We read with interest, in our local newspapers, that the future of the Barossa rail corridor is being considered. While many different ideas / initiatives are being suggested for an alternative use of the rail corridor, why not consider re-opening the railway line or use it for an alternative mode of public transport for passenger services connecting the Barossa with the city via Gawler?

We realise retaining the rail corridor will add further costs to the Kroemer's Crossing roundabout project & the Altona Bridge will require replacement, but using the rail corridor for a public transport service is a long-term option for the future of the Barossa. As the population of the area continues to grow, people will require transport services that link the Barossa to services & employment in the outer metropolitan suburbs & in the Adelaide CBD. With suitable time-tabling of transport services, all age groups would benefit. For example, university students, city workers, the elderly, school excursions, interest groups like Probus, tourists & more. People restricted by mobility, particularly those using wheelchairs, would benefit.

Many people already drive to Gawler to catch the train to the city or use the bus, which is not suitable for wheelchairs. Reduced use of our roads by fossil-fuelled vehicles would have an additional benefit of less green house gas emissions – our contribution in the battle against global warming.

Don't just remove the railway line for a short-term benefit. Think how in the late 1950's Adelaide's tramway network was ripped-up for the ever-increasing use of the motor car. Now we are re-instating tram tracks in Adelaide. Was there no real foresight for future generations?

Plan for our generations to follow, not just 20+ years ahead & retain our rail corridor as a public passenger transport mode for the future of the Barossa. This is a great opportunity not to be missed for the people of the Barossa; a major tourist region of South Australia.

Yours faithfully,

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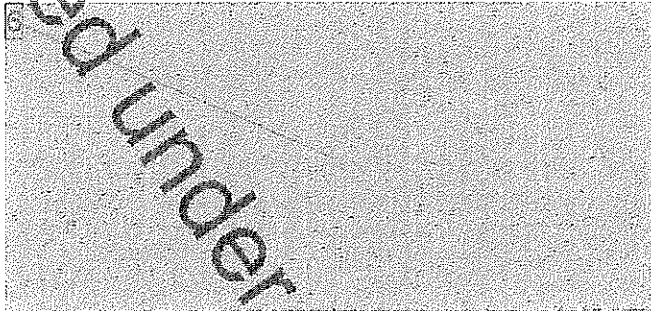
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Government
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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

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Thank you for your letter regarding the Barossa rail corridor.

As you are aware from the local newspapers, a tender is open seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for the use of the rail corridor. The primary objective of the exercise is to identify the best use of rail corridor in the long-term interest of the state and local economy.

I am sure there are many great ideas which will be brought forward, including rail services.

In Stage 1 of the EOI, proponents will be asked to submit an initial proposal including proposed future use, capacity to deliver the proposal, funding source, requirements of the State Government and benefits to the community. Expressions of interest will close on 10 September and Stage 1 is expected to be completed by the end of October 2019.

The current lessee of the rail corridor, Genesee Wyoming Australia, has indicated that should a suitable alternative use be identified through this EOI, it would be prepared to surrender the lease prior to its scheduled expiration in 2047.

I appreciate your interest in the future use of the Barossa rail corridor and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S Knoll", written over a large, faint diagonal watermark that reads "Freedom of Information Act 1997".

HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

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From: Schubert EO <schubert@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 17 October 2019 4:58 PM
To: DPTI:Minister Knoll
Subject: Barossa Rail Corridor Maintenance

Good Afternoon,

Our constituent, [REDACTED] has contacted us regarding the maintenance of the Barossa Rail Corridor. She has reported that the grass along the corridor is becoming a safety issue, especially with low-visibility at intersection of roads and the railway as well as a lot of snake encounters. She has made the Barossa Council aware of this issue.

Could this issue please be investigated and information provided to the Electorate office so we may advise [REDACTED] or a Ministerial response be given directly with a copy provided to us for our records.

[REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Electorate Assistant



Office of Hon Stephan Knoll MP
 Member for Schubert
 Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

Thank you for contacting my electorate office regarding the maintenance of the Barossa Rail Corridor.

As you may be aware, the Barossa Rail Corridor is leased to Genesee and Wyoming Australia Pty Ltd (GWA) which thereby has responsibility for its maintenance.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has forwarded your concerns to GWA. Should you wish to contact GWA directly, the person you should liaise with is [REDACTED] Access and Property Manager, GWA on phone (08) [REDACTED].

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
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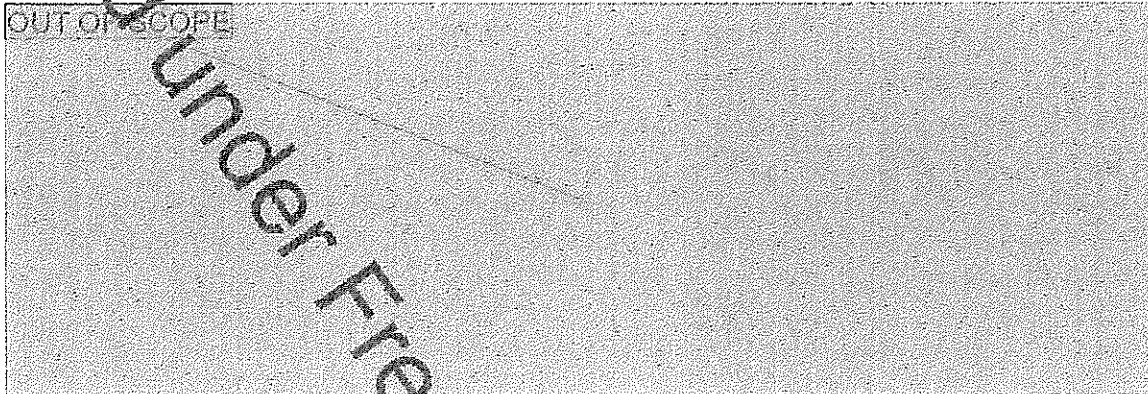


OFFICIAL

11th November 2019

Stephan Knoll
Tony Braxton Smith

Good morning,



Stephan Knoll, I seek the answers to the following:

- a) The cost of the Kroemer's *Crossing* roundabout with the Rail line and Infrastructure incorporated in to the roundabout;
- b) The cost of the Kroemer's *Crossing* roundabout with the Rail Line and Infrastructure, reinstatement within the future for future use; at what cost to the South Australian people?
- c) What consultation has been given to the people of South Australia and the People of the Barossa Valley people;
- d) What feedback and or referendum was held for the South Australian and Barossa People to give reasonable feedback and or oppose the removal of 120 meters of rail Infrastructure that has been part of the Barossa Valley Region since 1911;
- e) Why has the State Parliament and DPTI of South Australia NOT held Genessee Wyoming Australia (GWA) "**financially accountable for the Breaches**" very clearly mentioned and outlined within the Original lease Agreement of 1997 and the Memorandum of lease 2007;
- f) Why are You Stephan Knoll and DPTI allowing a company to dictate to you what future use will or not be allowed use of a Public Asset of the People of South Australia? Especially when GWA have no future use nor plans to use the Rail Lines and Infrastructure.

g) Why as Minister for Transport ignoring the People of South Australians (Constituents) "Concerns and Questions" on the Regional Rail Corridors and Infrastructure;

1. OUT OF SCOPE

2. It has now come to my attention that parts of the "Public Owned Asset" namely the Rail Line and Infrastructure is now being removed and stolen, This now will make you aware and this now puts you on Notice as of 11th November 2019 for you and DPTI to act on the Lease Agreement.

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i) Who is the advisory and or person within DPTI advising the Minister for Planing, Transport and Infrastructure of the costings of the Kroemer's *Crossing* roundabout.

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I thanks you for your time



Concerned Taxpayer of South Australia

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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

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Thank you for your email to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, regarding the Kroemer's Crossing Roundabout Project and your email of 11 November 2019 to my office regarding rail corridors. As these matters fall within my portfolio responsibilities, the Premier has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and respond on his behalf.

The Australian and South Australian governments, the Barossa Council and [redacted] have jointly funded this \$6 million project to install a roundabout at Kroemer's Crossing to improve safety for all road users and to allow greater freight access to surrounding businesses. The installation of the roundabout will improve efficiency and reduce transport cost for local industries.

I am pleased to advise that the project allows for future reinstatement of the rail line, if required and the roundabout will be built at the same level as the rail line to ensure this is possible. The costs of these works would be determined at that time, should the line be made operational again in the future.

Some early works and service relocations are expected to commence later this year, with main construction works expected to commence in early 2020.

I encourage you to contact the project team with any further questions via 1300 794 880 or email dpti.communityrelations@sa.gov.au. Alternatively, further information is also available on the project website: www.dpti.sa.gov.au/kroemers_crossing.

Thank you for your interest and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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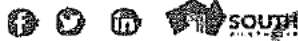
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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, 14 May 2018 1:27 PM
To: DPTI:Minister Knoll <MinisterKnoll@sa.gov.au>; AGD:Minister Wingard
Subject: From [REDACTED] re Gawler Belt Rail Corridor

Dear Ministers

Please see below and attached correspondence from Schubert constituent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has had ongoing issues with [REDACTED] Genesee and Wyoming Australia, regarding the upkeep of the Gawler Belt Rail Corridor. There have also been issues with trespassers accessing the property in question for 4WD activities, however no convictions have been recorded to date and the trespass is continuing.

It would be appreciated if we could receive ministerial responses to his respective concerns.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Office Manager for Hon Stephan Knoll MP

Member for Schubert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 14 May 2018 12:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Schubert EO <schubert@parliament.sa.gov.au>; ministerknoll@sa.gov.au
Subject: FW: Gawler Belt Rail Corridor

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing this information to Tony Piccolo, along with the photos.
As you will note, I have copied your email to your new Local Member, Stephan Knoll, as you are now in the electorate of Schubert.
Appropriately, Mr Knoll is also the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and I have included that email address in this response..
I am sure he will be able to assist you as both the Minister and your Local Member.

Kind Regards



Office Manager

Light Electorate Office

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P: (08) 8522 2878 F: (08) 8523 1392

E: [REDACTED]
W: www.tonypiccolo.org

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/TonyPiccoloMP



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2018 12:35 AM
To: Light EO <Light@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Gawler Belt Rail Corridor

8th May 2018
Mr Tony Piccolo MP
Member for Light
148 Murray Street
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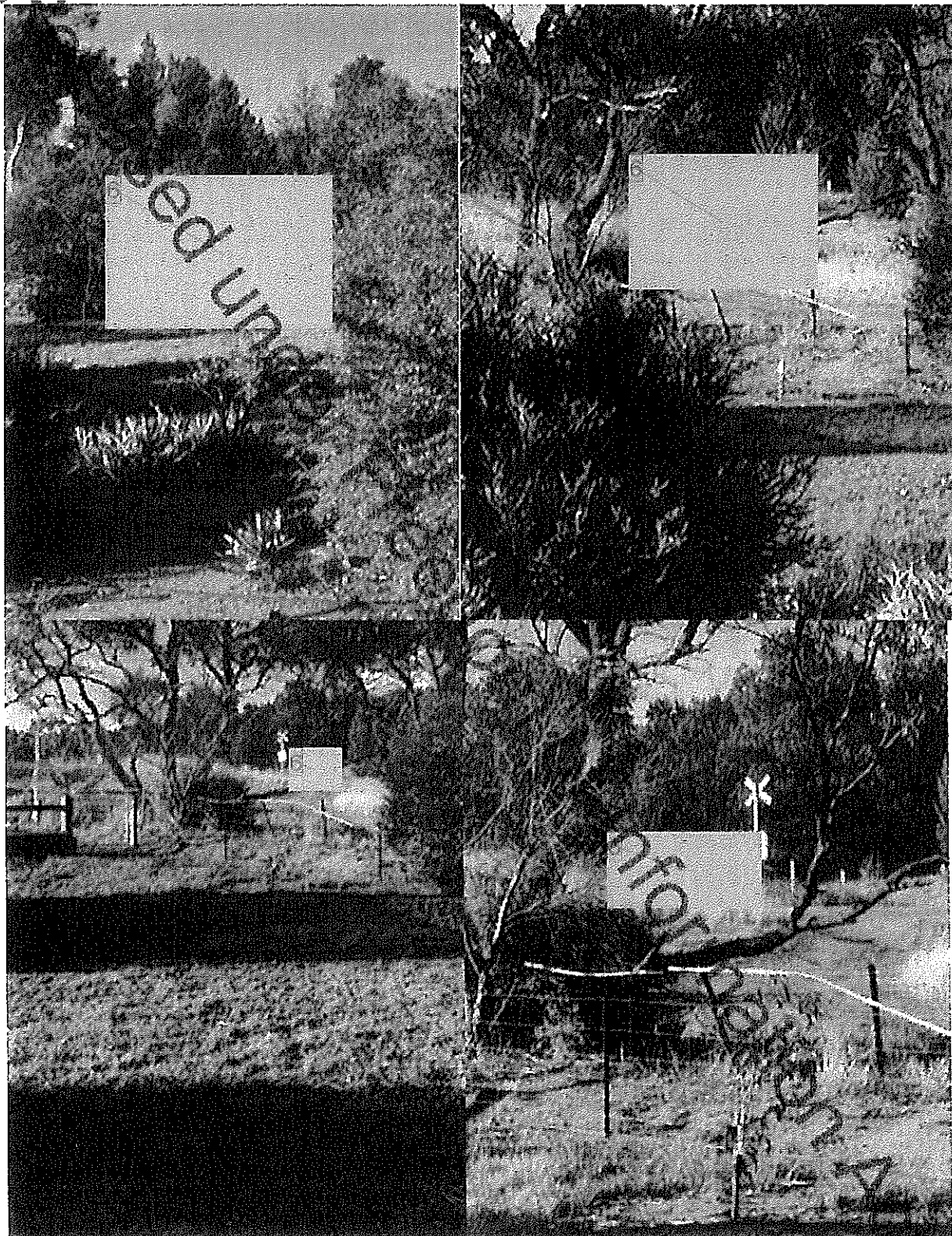
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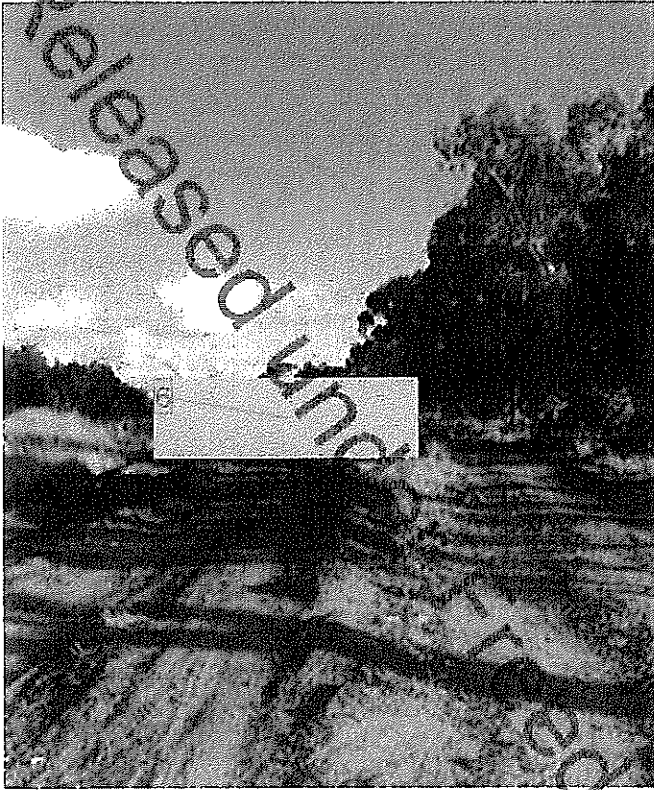
I refer to your letter of reply dated 5th December 2018 and the forwarded copy of the letter dated 25th November 2017.

After receiving your letter, the article in the Bunyip newspaper and more recently the gates being constructed I was very pleased with the action being taken. I have also had some conversations with [REDACTED] of the Barossa Highway Patrol who has endeavoured to pursue and warn some of the offenders four wheel driving in the corridor of late with some success.

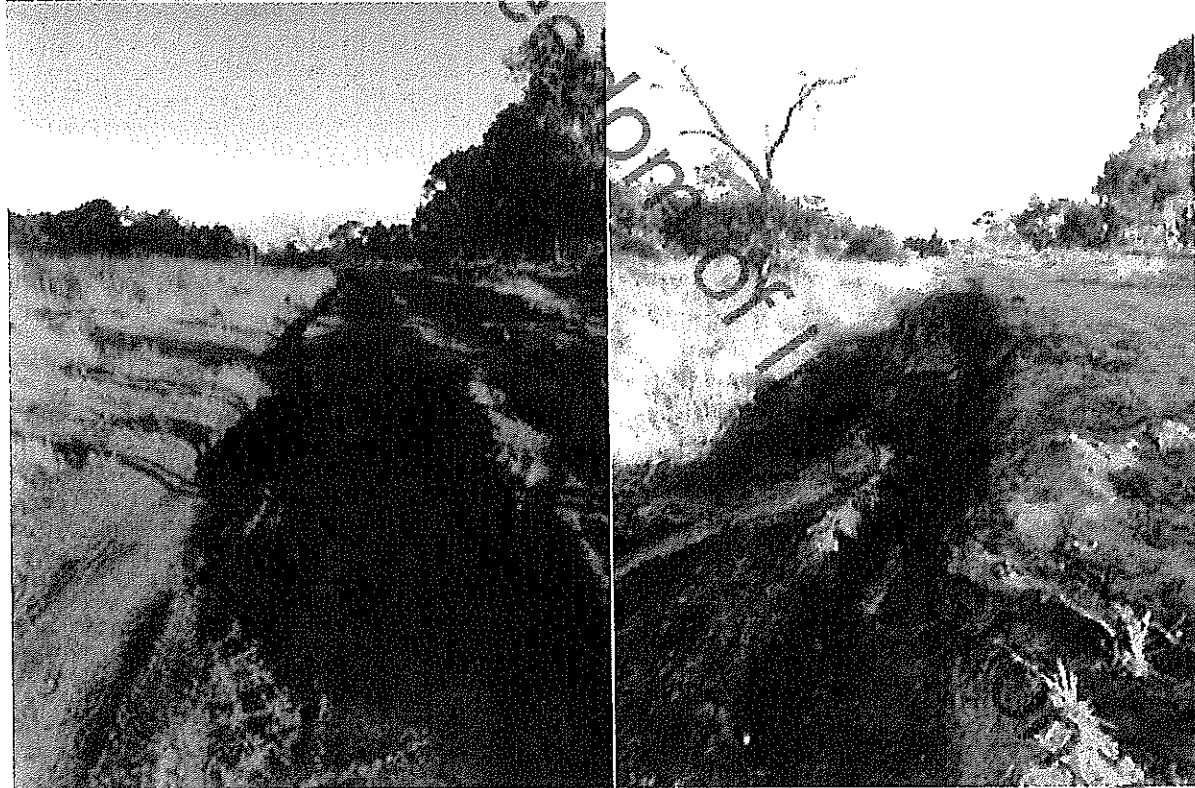
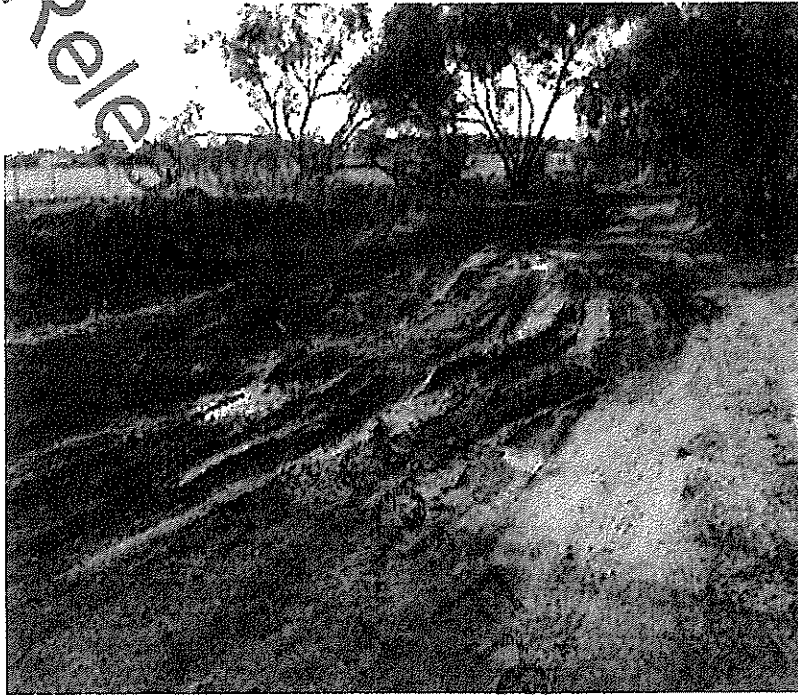
However, we have had two recent significant rainfalls and both have seen an increase in activity again. During the second week of school holidays there were 12 4WD's lined up along Parkers road one afternoon, and as a convoy they all take to the corridor. The weekend just gone I counted 12 4WD's on the Saturday between 2pm and 10pm (see following pics), many passing 4-5 times, and several of them consuming alcohol and discarding their bottles with engines revving loudly. I phoned the local police to report the activity and reported one vehicle was stuck, but saw no police attend. I fear they are getting tired of my calls to report the illegal activity's and are waiting for me to forget it all.





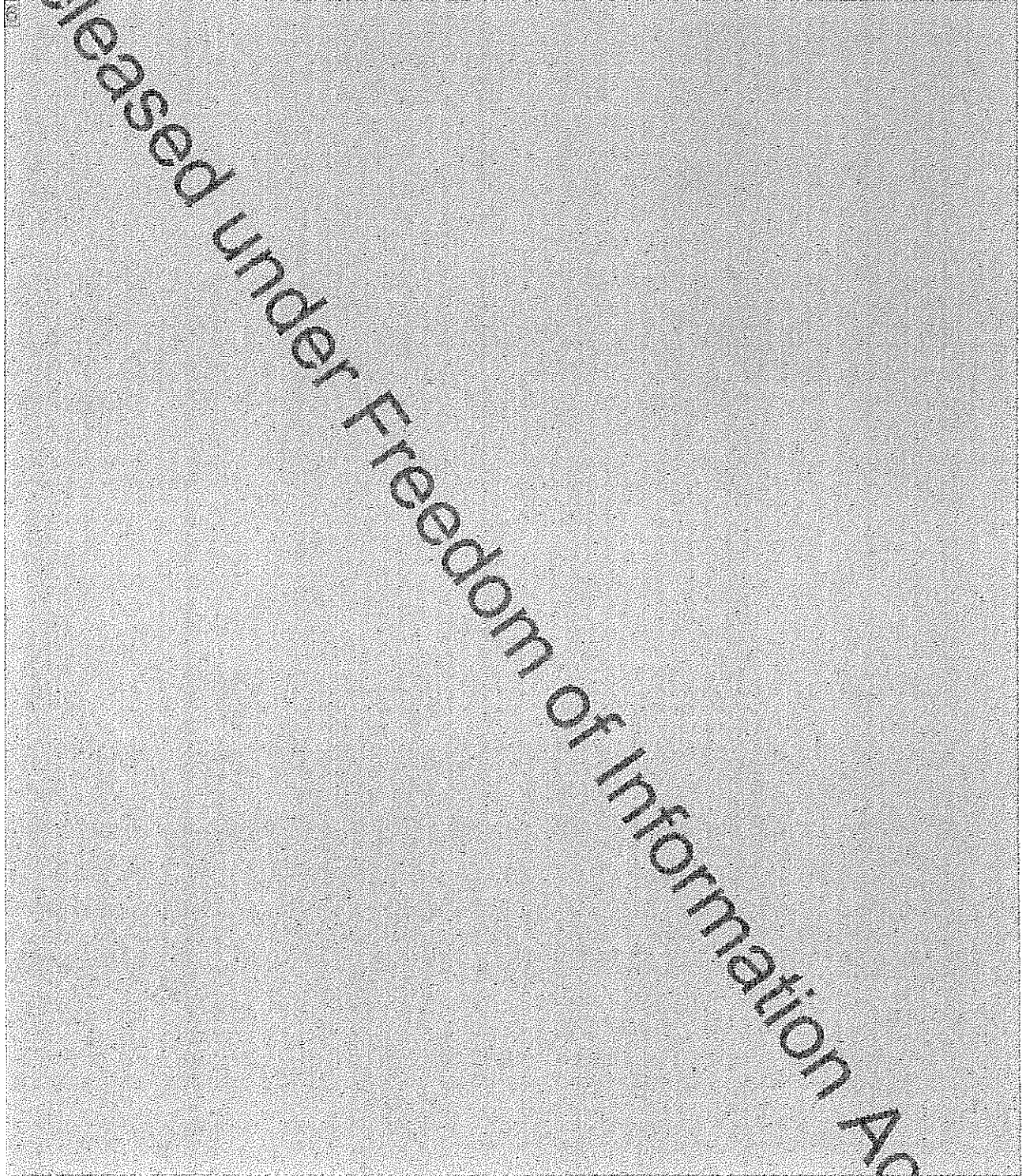


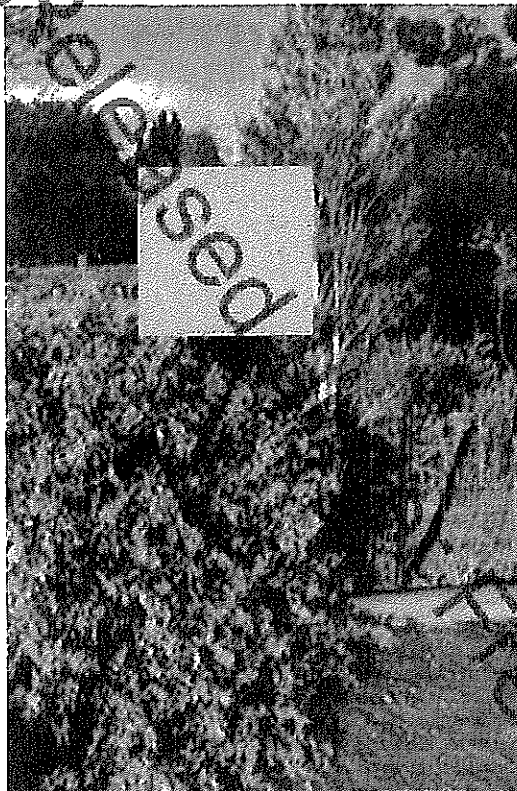
Earlier this year I noticed that some earth moving machinery had been used to fill ruts and repair some sections of the corridor, however [REDACTED] some other areas close by remained relatively untouched. Some large mounds of dirt were placed which to some extent can still be seen but I think these only acted as a challenging obstacle for the 4WD vehicles to conquer. At the time it seemed they had paused works and would be back to finish off, however this did not happen. It wont be long before the tracks are back to the way they were last year at this rate.



I have included some photos to show the [redacted] condition of the barely repaired sections after the last two rain events [redacted] in the third photo below. Note: one was a night photo to show the piercing lights and noise [redacted] This was taken at 10:30pm but its not uncommon up until 1 am. They have thousands of watts of light bars and spotlights [redacted] and the sound of a bogged car revving its engine over and over again is so monotonous and intrusive. What really annoys me about the big mud ponds that form is that if I had a body of water that large in my yard I would be required by law to erect a childproof fence to prevent accidental drowning but the laws

it seem only apply to people within a council, but not the ones enforcing it. And then there's the damage to the environment they cause, and again the damaged tracks will inhibit the access of emergency vehicles during fire season.





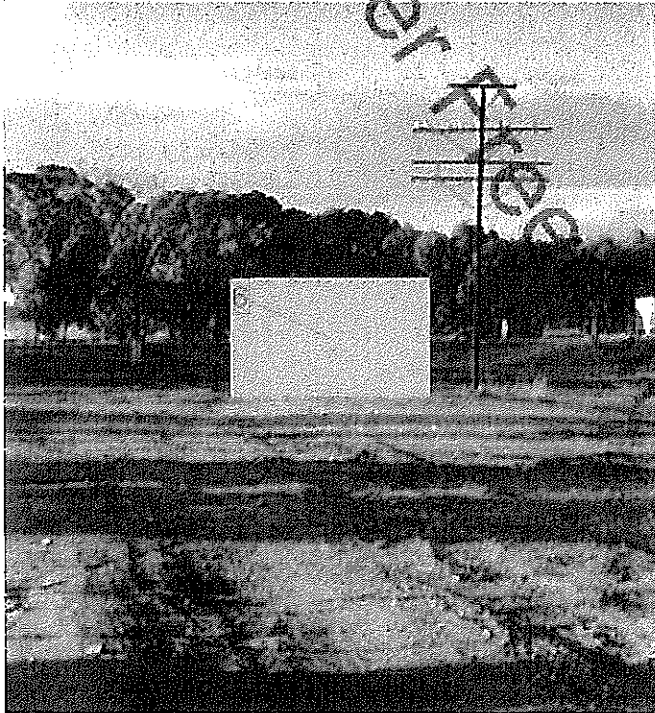
The above photo is [redacted] after some rain will become a giant mud pond. Last year it was approximately 20 metres long and nearly 5 feet deep in the centre. [redacted]

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From some research I have conducted I believe GWA own the Rail and the infrastructure and lease the land from the State Government. Is this correct ? I have also read that part of their lease agreement is to maintain the rail corridor, line and assets in the same condition it was received at the start of the lease and in a condition that with 48hrs notice a train could pass if required. Is this also true ? if so, I would very much doubt a train could use the track inside of 24 months notice. If part or all of this is true, it seems to me that the State Government is letting GWA get away with violating the terms of their lease and allowing a state asset to be neglected and rot away. For an international company worth billions of dollars clearly negating their responsibility there must be some action taken surely.

The gates GWA have installed are indeed well built and certainly look the part, however they have in most cases enough room either side to drive a truck through. There have been several new tracks formed further impacting the environment as a result of the poor location of the gates and lack of suitable fencing either side of them.

[REDACTED] of the Barossa Highway Patrol [REDACTED] I couldn't agree more. I have included some pics of some vehicles driving around the gates at Redbanks Road crossing, where I might add they are crossing a 100km/h road climbing embankments up to the road with often muddy slippery tires, how long before someone is badly injured or killed from a collision there ?? The signage informing people they are trespassing is poor, if it exists at all (see photos) and needs to be revised and reinstated. GWA have had 6 months to try and rectify this problem but now with winter setting in I can see that we will be back to the same situation in no time.





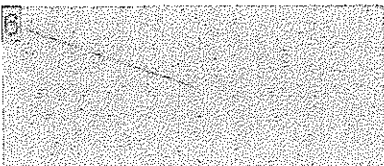
I've had a think about what I can do to get some more action on this problem, perhaps I could call the council and put in a complaint about [REDACTED] the State Government and GWA but I'm sure that will go nowhere in a hurry. Perhaps I could contact the EPA and put a complaint in about the noise and destruction. Perhaps I could complain [REDACTED] and impose some sort of action if they don't comply.....or isn't that what I'm doing now ?

I won't be giving up on this issue anytime soon, in fact I've considered some of my future options could well be to involve the media and petitions on behalf of all the locals fed up with this problem. Any suggestions you may have on how I could better deal with this situation or whom I could contact in relation to it would be greatly appreciated. And please, by all means please forward a copy of this letter to [REDACTED] GWA for his consideration.

I'm sorry that I've had to contact you again on this issue however I would compare my situation to having a [REDACTED] group Hells Angel bikers throwing wild parties every weekend, doing burnouts in the street until all hours, throwing empty beer bottles all over the place and driving over all the trees in the street. I'm sure neither [REDACTED] or yourself would put up with it for very long, and I'm certainly not looking forward to another Winter full of it !

Please feel free to contact me in person or by email to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Gee

Thank you for your letter, on behalf of [redacted] regarding the condition of regional rail lines leased by Genesee & Wyoming Australia (GWA), in particular from Gawler to the Barossa. I have previously responded to Mr Tony Piccolo MP and Mr Nick Champion MP on behalf of [redacted]

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure continues to work closely with GWA to ensure the track infrastructure under lease is maintained to a standard in keeping with the contract conditions. The department also maintains compliance with this and all contracts between the government and third parties in accordance with all applicable legislation.

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The State Government will consider its position on the condition of the rail line subsequent to the outcome of the EOI process.

I trust this information is of assistance and will enable you to respond to [redacted]

Yours sincerely

HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2019 5:09 PM
To: DPTI:Minister Knoll
Subject: Barossa Railway Line

Dear Minister

It was with interest as a resident of the Barossa Valley to read the article in "The Leader" of the 14th August regarding the future of the railway line from Gawler Central to the Barossa.

I am surprised that the current lessee of this line has been allowed to let it deteriorate to the present condition. I would have thought that it would be responsible to ensure that it is maintained in a safe operational condition as per when it commenced its lease. What is more difficult to understand that the government via your department has not overseen that this maintenance has occurred. I do not believe that because the current lessee has not had any traffic on this line to be an adequate reason as this infrastructure is still the property of the people of SA managed by your government department.

I further believe that to do anything other than to re-establish a train service between Gawler and the Barossa be it Tanunda or Nurioopta is short sighted. The Barossa is not easy to get to if you don't drive. If the conservative power brokers in the Valley who have ensured that Nurioopta stays decades behind the rest of the country are fearful that locals would use this railway to spend their money outside of the Valley, how about looking at the positive such as allowing more people easier access to the Barossa on day trips, especially if a regular circular bus service was also implemented linking the main tourist centres. Examples exist particularly in Europe of increased economic growth in areas where efficient railway systems have been built or upgraded. Additionally it could take away some vehicular traffic and help make the roads safer for those that want to come to the Barossa for wine and food tasting. Also very importantly trains are better forms of transport for handicapped and elderly people, being easier to board with more room inside.

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Yours

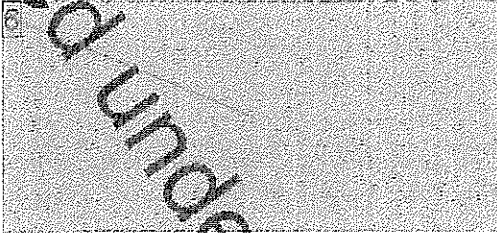
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Thank you for your email regarding the Barossa rail corridor.

As you are aware from the article in *The Leader*, a tender is open seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for the use of the rail corridor. The primary objective of the exercise is to identify the best use of rail corridor in the long-term interest of the state and local economy.

I am sure there are many great ideas which will be brought forward, including rail services.

In Stage 1 of the EOI, proponents will be asked to submit an initial proposal including proposed future use, capacity to deliver the proposal, funding source, requirements of the State Government and benefits to the community. Expressions of interest will close on 10 September and Stage 1 is expected to be completed by the end of October 2019.

The current lessee of the rail corridor, Genesee Wyoming Australia, has indicated that should a suitable alternative use be identified through this EOI, it would be prepared to surrender the lease prior to its scheduled expiration in 2047.

I appreciate your interest in the future use of the Barossa rail corridor and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2019 2:37 PM
To: DPTI:Minister Knoll
Subject: Gawler - Barossa Railway Line
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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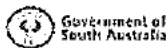
Attached is correspondence from Tony Piccolo on behalf of his constituent [REDACTED] regarding the condition of the railway line.
For your attention and action please.

Kind Regards



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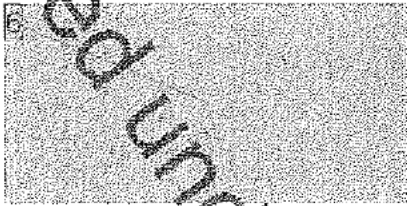
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


Thank you for your letter to the Hon Stephan Knoll MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government containing your Expression of Interest regarding the Barossa rail corridor.

While the Minister appreciates receiving your correspondence, this is being considered by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). Accordingly, your letter and USB have been sent to DPTI.

Yours sincerely



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Tony Piccolo MP

Member for Light

OUR COMMUNITY MATTERS

Hon Stephan Knoll
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE
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Email: minister@knoll.sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Maintenance of Railway Line

Our reference: 529790971/190307

[REDACTED] has lodged concerns with my office about the condition of the railway line tracks leased by Genesee Wyoming.

[REDACTED] has stated he believes the railway line, particularly from Gawler to Barossa, is not being maintained to the standard set out in their contract.

Can you please investigate [REDACTED] claims and provide your advice on what action the Marshall Liberal Government will take to ensure that the company meet the requirements under their contract to maintain the railway lines.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, or for any other enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office manager, [REDACTED] on 8522 2878 or via email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

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HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP
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