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Ms Nat Cook MP
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Dear Ms Cook

Nat

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of [6] regarding a safety review for Main Road between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

DIT has advised that in addition to site visits with various stakeholders, including with Mr Murray and [6] it conducted a review of this location which included an analysis of the road layout, traffic volumes, condition of the pavement and crash statistics.

The review confirmed that this section of Main Road carries approximately 1,300 vehicles per day and is sign posted at 70 km/h. The 70 km/h speed limit is consistent with other roads across the network with a partially developed roadside environment and low levels of direct access. These are typically township fringes.

In addition, the review found that sight distances along this section of road were considered adequate and the pavement is in good condition. However the remains of exposed fence posts (star droppers), bent guideposts and missing reflectors was identified and I am pleased to advise that works to rectify these issues, including the clearing of leaf litter/debris which was causing issues with water flow and/or attributing to shoulder scour at this location, have been completed.

DIT has also scheduled the repair of edge drops to improve safety, particularly for cyclists. It is anticipated that these works will be completed by the end of December 2020.

An analysis of the crash statistics for the five year period from 2015 to 2019 (inclusive) revealed 11 casualty crashes on Main Road, between Black Road and Cherry Gardens Road. This included 9 minor injury crashes, one serious injury crash and one fatal crash.


I am advised preliminary options to improve the 5.5 km section of road between Black Road and Sugarloaf Road have been identified. These works would include widening the pavement (creating a wider lane and shoulder which includes the cutting back of the embankment), installation of safety barriers, pavement resurfacing and sealing the shoulder. The estimated cost for these works would be in the range of \$7.0 to \$9.0 million, however this estimate could change as there are many unknowns such as potential property acquisitions, construction of retaining walls, and the removal of a significant number of large trees which can only be determined when a detailed concept study is undertaken.

In order to better define the scope of possible infrastructure improvements for this 5.5 kilometre section of road, DIT would need to undertake a safety assessment of the road, to identify the risks and mitigation actions which could form the basis of the detailed concept study. The safety assessment would consider roadside hazards (including roads drop offs), road and shoulder widths and improved delineation (signs and line marking) for use by vehicles and cyclists. It is expected that this safety assessment work will be completed in 2021.

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

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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20MTR0508

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Dear Ms Cook

Thank you for your correspondence received on 9 September 2020 and 22 September 2020 on behalf of local residents regarding freight vehicles along Main Road, Cherry Gardens and the general safety and condition of the road.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

DIT has advised that a review will be undertaken to determine whether heavy vehicle length limits are required on this section of Main Road. This is anticipated to be completed in late 2020 with any system or signage changes processed following this review.

A site inspection was previously undertaken at this location in March 2019 with local Member of Parliament, Mr Steve Murray MP following which preliminary options were considered to improve the 5.5 km section of road between Black Road and Sugarloaf Road. Options considered included widening the pavement (creating a wider lane and shoulder by cutting back the embankment), installation of safety barriers, pavement resurfacing and shoulder sealing.

To better define the scope of possible infrastructure improvements for this section of Main Road, an additional safety assessment is required to identify the risks and mitigation actions which could form the basis of the detailed concept study. This would consider roadside hazards (including roads drop offs), road and shoulder widths and improved delineation (signs and line marking) for use by vehicles and cyclists. It is expected that this safety assessment work will be completed in early 2021. DIT will consider the information from the RAA as part of this work.

It should be noted that any potential works identified will need to be incorporated into a list with other candidate projects for prioritisation of funding on a state-wide basis. This is to ensure the funds available each year are allocated to the projects where the greatest benefit can be provided to the community as a whole.

Notwithstanding, DIT has recently inspected the road and the Marshall Government will deliver maintenance work along the road corridor including:

- repair of edge drops to improve safety, particularly for cyclists;
- clean/remove debris at unsealed shoulders to prevent further scouring; and
- maintenance of shoulders to improve drainage.

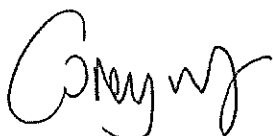
These works are anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2020.

DIT will continue to monitor this section of road and should the need for change become evident appropriate action will be taken in the interest of road safety. I also encourage road users to contact the 24 hour Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313 for issues with the road requiring immediate attention.

In terms of heavy vehicles using Main Road, general access vehicles and vehicles captured under a notice or permit may access the road. If residents witness an illegal vehicle movement they can make a report to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator online at: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/contact-us> or by phone on 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487). Alternatively, reports can also be made by calling South Australia Police on 131 144.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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20/MTR0926

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Dear Ms Cook

Nat

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding safety on Main Road, Cherry Gardens.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

As advised in my previous response of 3 November 2020, a review will be undertaken to determine whether heavy vehicle length limits are required on this section of Main Road. This is anticipated to be completed soon with any system or signage changes processed following the review.

Further, DIT has advised that an additional safety assessment is required to better define the scope of possible infrastructure improvements to be included in a detailed concept study, including roadside hazards (road drop offs), road and shoulder widths and improved delineation (signs and line marking) for use by vehicles and cyclists. I understand this safety assessment work will be completed in early 2021.

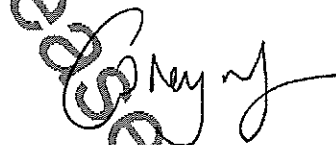
As an update to my previous response, I am pleased to advise that the following works have been completed:

- repair of pavement edge drops;
- cleaning and removal of debris at unsealed shoulders to prevent further scouring; and
- maintenance of shoulders to improve drainage.

The Marshall Liberal Government is committed to improving road safety across the state with the delivery of \$268 million in vital maintenance and upgrade works. These works will help us to address the \$750 million backlog in maintenance works that we inherited from the former Labor government.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Hon Corey Wingard MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Minister

I have once again been contacted by local residents of Main Road, Cherry Gardens.

Main Road is currently a designated Performance Based Standards (PBS) Level 1A freight route. In accordance with the attached PBS Levels table and the Road Network Plan 2016-2021, this means only Level 1A vehicles (semi-trailers) can travel this route.

Please see attached the correspondence discussing the disregard for these regulations. On 2 September a Level 2A B-Double vehicle travelled this section of road and clipped a branch of a tree which ended up falling on to the opposite side of the road. Fortunately, no other travellers were on the other side of the road when this occurred.

This incident, along with other similar occurrences in the past, have left residents once again pleading for this dangerous stretch of road to be addressed.

Residents would not only like to see the road upgraded and made safer, but this section of Main Road removed from the freight network all together.

Can you please provide advice on this for inclusion in my response to these residents.

Kind regards

N Cook

Nat Cook MP
Member for Hurtle Vale

8 September 2020

Cc: Local Residents of Cherry Gardens

Road Network Plan 2016 - 2021

Road Network Hierarchy

Freight Network - PBS Routes

Commodity and General Freight Routes

Tourist Network

Public Transport

Unsealed Road Network

Freight Network

PBS Level 2A (also Level 1A)

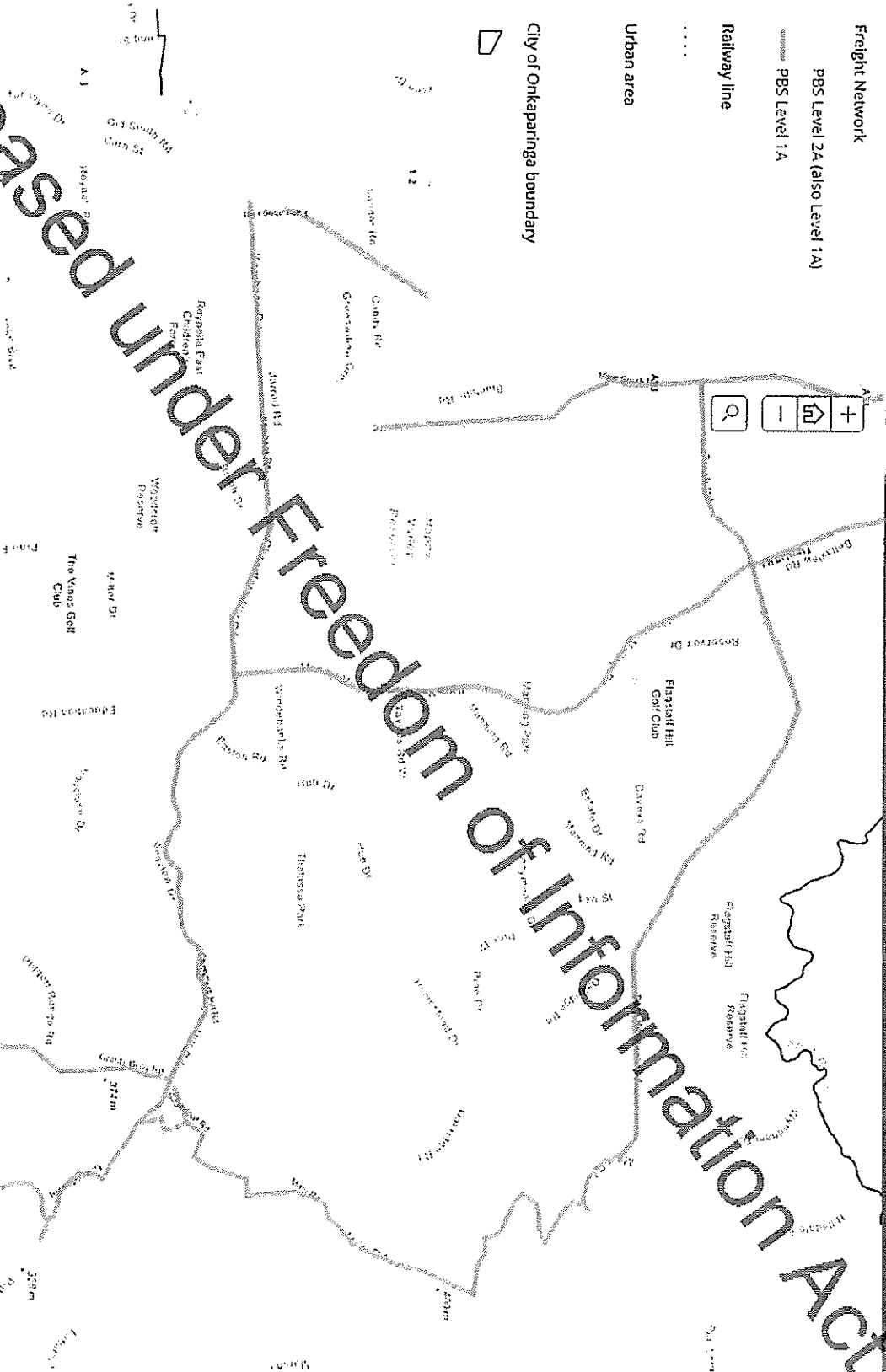
PBS Level 1A

Railway line

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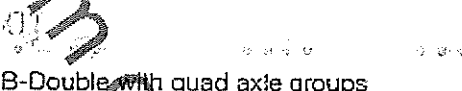
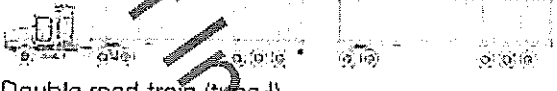

Urban area

City of Onkaparinga boundary



Performance Based Standards (PBS) promise great improvements, but have been difficult and expensive for freight businesses to access. Under PBS, decisions on road access are (supposed to) no longer be based upon what a vehicle looks like, but how it performs on the network and how it interacts with other road users.

If the vehicle can operate within a 'performance envelope' including length, mass, swept path and turning circle, under PBS it is treated in the same way as other vehicles within that performance envelope, no matter what the configuration looks like.

PBS Levels ^a			
ROAD NETWORK	VEHICLE LENGTH (METRE)	PBS NETWORK LEVEL	CLOSE PRESENT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION
Level 1A	≤ 20 m	1	 Semi-Trailer
Level 2A	≤ 26 m	2	 B-Double
Level 2B	>26m but ≤30 m	2	 B-Double with quad axle groups
Level 3A	≤36.5 m	3	 Double road train (type I)
Level 3B	> 36.5 m but ≤42 m	3	No close present vehicle
Level 4A	≤53.5 m	4	 Triple road train (type II)

Heavy vehicle combination pictures attributable to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

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Dear Minister

I have been contacted by [redacted] a local resident of Cherry Gardens who has been informed of some concerning information. [redacted] copied my office into an email he sent to fellow Cherry Gardens residents in regard to the intended maintenance and upgrade of Main Road. [redacted] wrote the following;

[redacted]

Steve Murray advised that a significant portion of the Cherry Gardens Road is currently being upgraded. If you haven't recently been along Cherry Gardens Road I can confirm that there is indeed

substantial road work being undertaken between the "Soldiers" War Memorial and Dorset Vale Road which is the section [redacted] I observed in a recent drive through there. I cannot confirm if that is the full extent of the work taking place.

What has that to do with Main Road Cherry Gardens you will probably be asking?

It seems that the contractors or someone (DPTI) initiated work on the wrong road, i.e. instead of Main Road Cherry Gardens the work is taking place on the main road through Cherry Gardens more correctly referred to as Cherry Gardens Road. Now there's a stuff-up. **So now there is no funding available for Main Road.**

It is my understanding and my experience has been that Main Road is a designated Scenic Route and thereby the responsibility of DPTI (Dept Planning, Transport, Infrastructure). It is also designated as the B29 from Blythwood Rd Torrens Park via Belair, Blackwood and Main Rd to the intersection of Cherry Gardens Road. Similarly I understood that Cherry Gardens Road has been and is the responsibility of the City of Onkaparinga. If this is so it compounds the error made by DPTI ..."

In your previous response dated 15 November 2020, reference 20MTR0086, you stated that a 5.5km stretch of Main Road had been identified for upgrade, including widening the pavement, installation of safety barriers, pavement resurfacing and sealing the shoulder.

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Can you please confirm these works are being done on Cherry Gardens Road instead of the intended location?

If it is the case the funding has been spent in the wrong location, how will this be rectified and upgrades you committed for Main Road be carried out at the earliest opportunity?

Can you please advise if there is any truth to this information that came directly from Steve Murray MP?

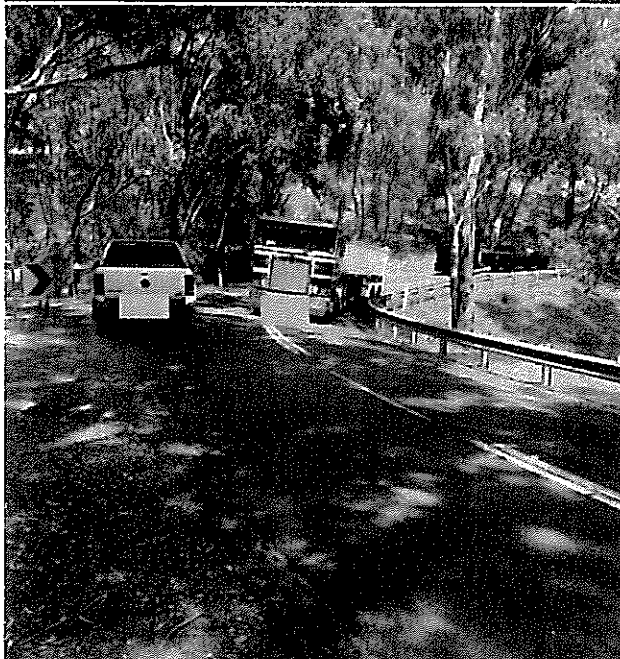
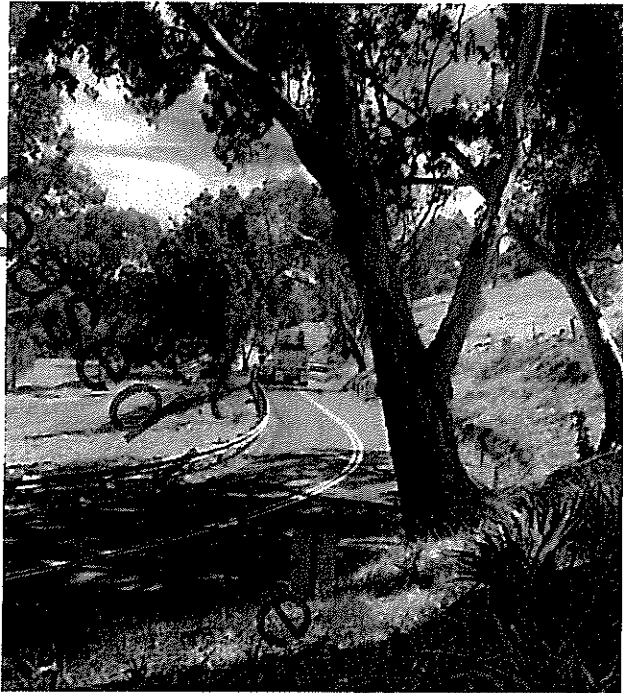
Kind regards

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Member for Hurtle Vale

JO March 2021

CC: Tom Koutsantonis MP, Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Local Cherry Gardens residents

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Dear Ministers,

Further to previous correspondence, I again write to advocate for an upgrade to Main Road, Cherry Gardens.

Yesterday a sign was knocked off its post by a truck passing by. The road is so narrow, the truck had nowhere to go when approached by an oncoming vehicle.

I write to invite you both to meet with local residents who live in fear of what they will encounter on their road on a daily basis.

I will also extend this invitation to the Mayor of Onkaparinga, Erin Thompson.

Local residents want to be heard.

Kind regards

N Cook

Nat Cook MP

Member for Hurtle Vale

21 October 2020



Cc: Local residents of Cherry Gardens
Her Worship the Mayor of Onkaparinga, [REDACTED]


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Dear Minister Wingard

I write on behalf of [redacted] and other residents of Cherry Gardens who have ongoing concerns regarding Main Road.

There has been ongoing correspondence with the previous Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Stephan Knoll, requesting assistance in addressing the safety of this road. Regretfully, Stephan Knoll only implemented very short-term and minimal interventions which largely failed to address the danger that this road exhibits.

The clearing of leaf litter and debris has in no way made this stretch of road any safer. Following another serious accident on Main Road on 10 July 2020 where a woman ended up with injuries, I respectfully ask you to reconsider previous decisions regarding upgrades or redevelopments of this road.

As per my previous letters, [redacted] has been campaigning to get this road fixed since 2012. Main Road is extremely narrow and very dangerous, with accidents occurring far too often. All residents and users of this road are very concerned further deaths will occur if this matter is not addressed.

Can you please provide advice on this matter for inclusion in my response to the residents before another life is lost.

Kind regards

N Cook

Nat Cook MP

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3 August 2020

Cc: Tom Koutsantonis, Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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