



**Government
of South Australia**

**The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert**

Mr Robert Bria
Mayor
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your email submission on behalf of the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters regarding the Magill and Portrush Road Intersection Upgrade. I note that this submission has also been sent to several other addressees.

The upgrade of this intersection has been identified as a key priority to reduce road congestion and keep traffic flowing. Portrush Road forms part of the National Land Transport Network and the Outer Ring Route, providing an important north-south connection from the South Eastern Freeway around the City of Adelaide. Both Portrush Road and Magill Road are also important routes for commuters and public transport users.

Currently, private, commercial freight and public transport users all experience significant delays through the intersection leading to increased costs of travel. Analysis from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (the department) indicates congestion levels are likely to worsen significantly without taking action.

In addition, during the five year period between 2014 and 2018, there have been 56 reported crashes at the intersection, consisting of one serious injury crash, 20 minor injury crashes, and 35 property damage crashes.

The concept design for the intersection upgrade aims to:

- provide sufficient capacity for increasing traffic volumes;
- improve reliability of travel times and improve the efficiency of the arterial road network; and
- improve safety for all users of the intersection by:
 - reducing levels of congestion and queuing;
 - providing suitable lane widths for all vehicles as well as cyclists; and
 - providing full time right turn controls at the intersection.

The project is expected to deliver between \$600 million and \$900 million in benefits, as a result of reduced vehicle operating costs, improved travel time savings, better reliability and enhanced safety.

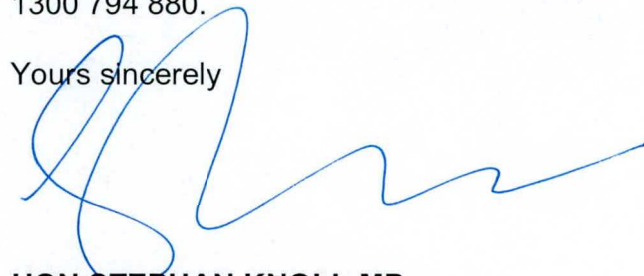
Together with the Government's \$12.9 billion infrastructure program, this project is vital to supporting construction jobs in a very difficult and uncertain economic environment.

As with most large infrastructure projects, the intersection upgrade will require some land to be acquired to complete the project and I sympathise with those people who have been affected in this regard. The department is negotiating with all land owners who are impacted by the project as a result of partial or full land acquisition in accordance with the *Land Acquisition Act 1969*.

Community and stakeholder engagement is an important part of the planning process. Two community information sessions were held in February to provide the community with an opportunity to provide feedback on the concept design and the department will continue to work with key stakeholders and the community as the preferred option is developed.

I appreciate your feedback on the project and if you would like to register your interest or receive updates, please email dpti.communityrelations@sa.gov.au or telephone 1300 794 880.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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

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