



Government  
of South Australia

The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert

Reference: SKNOLL163782/5174

Mr Stephen Mullighan MP  
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Dear Mr Mullighan

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION – REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991**

I refer to your application to the Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) which was received 20 June 2018.

You have requested access to:

*“Any correspondence between the Member for Black and the Minister for Transport regarding the Seaford Train timetable changes from 19 March to 4 June 2018.”*

A search was conducted for documents held by the Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and one document was identified within the scope of your request. I have considered the document and have determined to release document 001 in full.

Attached is an explanation of the provisions of the Act which details your rights to review and appeal this determination, and the process to be followed.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, if you are given access to documents as a result of this FOI application, details of your application, and the documents to which access is given, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

Should you have any enquiries concerning your application please contact Jenna Phillips-Wilkinson, Office Manager on (08) 7109 8431.

Yours sincerely

**Jodie Beck**

**Accredited FOI Officer**

Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government

25 July 2018

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991

**YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW AND APPEAL**

**INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied or concerned with the decision of this Department regarding access to documents or the request for amendment to your personal records, you can apply for an Internal Review of that decision.

To apply for an Internal Review you must write a letter addressed to the Principal Officer or lodge an Internal Review application form with the Principal Officer of this Department. The legislated application fee must accompany all applications, unless the fee was waived in the original Freedom of Information application, in which case there would be no fee payable for the application. The application must be lodged within 30 days after being notified of the decision.

The Department will undertake the Internal Review and advise you of its decision within 14 days of receipt of the application.

Where the decision was made by the Minister or Principal Officer of the Department, you are unable to request an Internal Review but you can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman, or the District Court.

You are unable to apply for an Internal Review regarding a decision to extend the time limit for dealing with an application but you can apply for an External Review.

**EXTERNAL REVIEW BY THE OMBUDSMAN OR THE POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY**

After an Internal Review has been completed, or where you have been unable to apply for an Internal Review, and you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman.

You may also request an External Review by the Ombudsman if you have no right to an Internal Review.

The application for review by the Ombudsman should be lodged within 30 days after the date of a determination. The Ombudsman's Office, at their discretion, may extend this time limit.

Investigations by the Ombudsman are free. Further information is available from the Office of the Ombudsman by telephone on 8226 8699 or toll free 1800 182 150 (within SA).

**APPEAL TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (SACAT)**

If you are still dissatisfied with the decision made by the State Government Agency, Local Government Council or University after an Internal Review or after a review by the Ombudsman or, you can appeal to SACAT.

You must exercise your right of appeal to SACAT within 30 calendar days after being advised of the determination or the results of the review. Any costs will be determined by SACAT, where applicable. For more information, contact;

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT)

Phone: 1800 723 767

Email: [sacat@sacat.sa.gov.au](mailto:sacat@sacat.sa.gov.au)

**SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION NUMBER****SKNOLL163782/5174**

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# David Speirs MP

Member for Black



Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure  
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27 April 2018

Dear Minister Knoll

**Re: Seaford train line table**

In recent weeks I have been contacted by many residents who live in the suburbs of Marino, Kingston Park and Seacliff who are unhappy with the new timetable for the Seaford line which was recently introduced.

I understand that this timetable is a product of the defeated Labor government, which was not known for its commitment to genuine community engagement and had a history of treating our local community with contempt when it comes to matters regarding the Seaford train line (namely the endless problems we endured with the train horns and the former government's attempt to remove all trees along the line in the Marino area).

Regardless of where the timetable had its genesis, it is now clear to me that it is not working for local train users. The reduction of train services by 50% between 8.00 am and 9.00 am hits commuters hard at a time when they need the train most. It also detrimentally affects students attending Westminster, Sacred Heart and Brighton Secondary schools, forcing parents to drive their children to school and adding more vehicles to our already congested local road network.

While I applaud your department for introducing extra evening train services (something that I have been fighting for over many years), I am disappointed that the morning service has been diminished.

As you are aware, I am a regular train user, travelling by train from my electorate into the city frequently. Consequently I know firsthand the convenience of this service and the benefits derived from being able to have reliable, accessible public transport.

I would urge you and your department to re-examine this timetable and consider correcting what has clearly been unintentional, but nonetheless damaging, consequences created by the changes.

Yours sincerely

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