Dear Mr Piccolo

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, Minister for Planning made under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (the Act) which was received 9 July 2018.

You have requested access to:

"Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) since 17 March 2018 regarding the electrification of the Gawler train line."

The legislative prescribed timeframe to determine this application has expired and the agency is now deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application by section 19(2)(b) of the Act. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory time frame has been met.

A search of documents held by the Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning was undertaken. I wish to advise that 25 documents have been identified within the scope of your request.

Please refer to the attached schedule that describes each document and sets out my determination and reasons in summary form.

I have determined to grant partial access to documents 001 to 009, 014 to 021 and 024 to 025 and have removed the personal contact details within those documents that I have determined are exempt, in accordance with clause 6 (1) of the Act which states:

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.)
Documents 020 and 022 each have attachments which I have determined to refuse you access. These documents contain matter that relate to a deliberation of Cabinet, and as such are exempt in accordance with the following clauses of the Act:

1 – Cabinet Documents

(1) A document is an exempt document—
   (e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet.
   (f) if it is a briefing paper specifically prepared for the use of a Minister in relation to a matter submitted, or proposed to be submitted to Cabinet.

In addition, the attachments of documents 010 to 013 and 018 to 020, 023 and 025 are also refused access in accordance with Clause 9(1) (a)(i)(b) because they contain opinions, advice and recommendations from staff within Department for Treasury and Finance and the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for the purpose of aiding in the execution of decision making functions.

9 – Internal working documents

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter - —
   (a) that relates to –
      (i) any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded;
   (b) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

In considering the grounds for exemption when using Clause 9 (1)(a)(i)(b), I am required to consider for public interest in disclosure or non-disclosure.

Factors in favour of release include:
- The public interest in fulfilling the objects of the FOI Act, and promoting openness and accountability within government.
- The public interest in scrutiny of government decision making.

Factors against release include:
- The public interest in ensuring the effective conduct of the agency's functions.
- The need for some confidentiality to allow the agency to operate efficiently.
- The public interest in encouraging the free exchange of ideas during deliberative processes, including through the frank and candid assessment of information.

It is my view that it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest for the information to be disclosed.

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.
If you have any questions in relation to the matter, please contact Rachel Stone, Freedom of Information Officer on telephone (08) 7109 8419 or via email at rachel.stone@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Jenna Phillips-Wilkinson
Accredited FOI Officer
Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
Minister for Planning

6 February 2019

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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.

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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
TO: THE OFFICE OF THE HON. STEPHAN KNOLL MP

In relation to the attached correspondence, the Premier would appreciate your assistance with the following action required:

☑ direct response to the author on behalf of the Premier. Please provide DPCPCU@sa.gov.au with a soft copy of the response.

Kind regards,

Office of the Premier

Email: DPCPCU@sa.gov.au
Web: www.premier.sa.gov.au

Level 15, State Administration Centre, 200 Victoria Square Adelaide

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Good evening Premier

Firstly, congratulations on the win – great to have a change in SA finally.

Could you please get someone to re-check the fin. analysis of the electrification of the Gawler railway on current data (as opposed to when it was first proposed some 5+ years ago)?
In particular, could battery-powered locomotives be a better option for this line (relatively flat terrain where batteries do well) instead of poles and wires?
Since $200M+ to electrify the line is a lot of money, and battery performance and cost has changed substantially in recent years, I reckon its worth another look.

Kind regards
Tier 3 with DPTI planning rep

Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

Dear Minister,

In the absence of contact details for your Chief of Staff etc we seek you agreement to meet on the matter of Gawler Council and a proposed Gawler Central Train Station Redevelopment DPA.

In brief, after some 3 years of negotiation and consultation we are still frustrated as to initiation of a DPA in advance of the proposed rail electrification project.

We seek to discuss with you, your appetite for a Ministerial DPA and we further support the DPTI suggested option of a Ministerial DPA to cover whole of Gawler Rail Line Activity Centres and TOD locations rather than a number of smaller and Council specific DPA’s, ensuring activation, consistency and private enterprise co-investment in support of your Government’s and the Federal Government’s significant infrastructure spend in our region.

The continued dysfunctionality of Gawler Council and their inability to plan for the future and strive for optimal outcomes has resulted in continued stagnation and short sightedness.

As the, we understand how the optimisation in planning can create real jobs, real investment alongside government as well as making sure that the future proofing options for rail extension to Concordia and the Barossa are maintained.

are fully briefed on the matter and in the dying days of the former Government, then Minister Rau tendered his in principle support and despite this we seek your favourable consideration to a Minister initiated DPA.

Can you please pass this on to your staff and we look forward to the opportunity of meeting with you formally at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards.
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Subject: RE: Gawler electrification funding

Haha

Would be even better if we take it at the train station with a train in the background I think or so we don’t have to convince them to let us through the gates just somewhere in the station near the turnstiles.

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I'll take it on your phone

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Sent from my iPhone

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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Gawler electrification funding

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Sorry, we were short on time yesterday so grabbed one first thing this morning.

Might just need to edit it as the lighting wasn’t the best.

Courtney

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I think Courtney cc’d is sorting one out for you

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 May 2018, at 7:38 am, Stone, Rachel (DPTI) wrote:

Hi

Is the attached photo the one you were referring to yesterday? Do you have a higher res copy (one that’s greater than 106KB) that we could use?

Has the Minister made any comment specifically regarding the electrification or should I just work off the media release: https://www.saliberal.org.au/18-billion_of_infrastructure_committed_for_sa

Sorry to keep bothering you.

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Cheers,

<Electrification.jpg>
Dear Minister

I’m forwarding for your information an email regarding the background of the workforce employed on the electrification of the Seaford rail line. I’d welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you at some stage.

PETER TRELOAR MP
Member for Flinders
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Telephone 08 8683 0722 / Email flinders.portlincoln@parliament.sa.gov.au
PO Box 1798 PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

To: Peter Treloar

Re: ELECTRIFICATION OF THE GAWLER TRAIN LINE.

Having heard on the news this morning about funding being made available to electrify the Gawler Line, I would like to offer the following observations which may be of interest when contracts are being organised for this infrastructure project.

We live very close to Woodlands Station on the Seaford Line. During the massive project of electrification of this line, we followed the project with interest. One day we had the opportunity to chat with a group of labourers working on the line. A group of about five men were waiting for something else to happen a bit further up the line, so they were all sitting down having a rest. Asking about their training required for such work, did they go to TAFE etc? They all said they were from Victoria, and were being housed/fed/transported by the company from Victoria who had the contract, and that they travelled the country doing such
jobs. One of the lad's fathers was working for the company who were doing some other part of the contract (also Victorian) and he got him onto this job.

We were horrified to learn that in fact (according to these workers) the majority of the workers on this job were from interstate, and with the cost of housing and transport for them, would have significantly added to the cost. Worst of all though, was that our local people without jobs weren't being offered the training and jobs which we thought was a huge part of the reason for getting this work done.

The work this particular group of men were doing was not highly technical or managerial, so surely some of our young people who are trying to get work would be easily trained for such positions.

Hope this information will stimulate some investigation before the next contracts are considered.

Kind Regards,

ps. Hi Peter, Congratulations on winning your seat in the recent election. I thought by sending you this email, you would be able to not only forward it to the relevant person, but have a word with that person to actually follow this up (knowing that they probably receive thousands of such emails).

I am trying to send my local member a copy of this too, (Jayne Stinson) but she doesn't seem to have an email contact anywhere, and I'm not inclined to do the letter-in-the-post route! So, will send it to the Labor Party HQ and see how it goes.
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Would you please have your Personal Assistant contact my Executive Assistant, Mr Steve Harrison to arrange a meeting on your earliest convenience.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mal Hammerling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of my constituent, regarding the Gawler Electrification Project. I was enquiring when the financing for the Gawler Electrification would become available?

I have attached an email for your information.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Pyne MP

Hon Christopher Pyne
MP
Federal Member for Sturt
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I appreciate the update and details but there is one thing missing the timeline. When for example will the money for the Gawler electrification be delivered?

Sent from my iPhone
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Yours sincerely,

Mal Hemmeling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 1533  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister, I write in relation to the electrification of the Adelaide to Gawler rail line particularly the electrification of the line from Salisbury to Gawler.

As you would be aware work is currently underway on the final stages of the electrification of the line to the Salisbury station which was funded solely by the previous Labor Government after the Federal Liberal Government failed the honour the previous commitments to fund this infrastructure.

I write to ask when you will finally see the full electrification of the Adelaide to Gawler railway line given that this project has already been on the state and national agenda for about ten years.

It is therefore extremely disappointing that despite promises that this project was "very much a high priority" for the new State Government that just $50 million of the $220 million of the Federal contribution to this project has been allocated during the forward estimates.

My community want to know when they will be able to use a clean, modern and efficient electric rail system with more regular services.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

14/5/2018
Dear [Name]

Please find requested information attached.

Kind Regards

Sarah
As requested - thanks

Sarah Taylor
Chief of Staff to the Hon Stephan Knoll MP Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Minister for Planning T 08 7109 8430 • E

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Start: Fri 15/06/2018 1:00 PM
End: Fri 15/06/2018 2:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Knoll, Stephan (DPTI)
Required Attendees: Nourse, Courtney (DPTI); Taylor, Sarah (DPTI)

Attendees
- Treasurer

CN booked with Rachael 4/5
From: Schubert EO <schubert@parliament.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:01 PM
To: Nourse, Courtney (DPTI)
Subject: FW: Rail Train & Bus Union - meeting request.
Attachments:

From: Nourse, Courtney (DPTI)
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Good afternoon

I am emailing your office requesting a meeting with the Hon Stephan Knoll as Minister Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

As the new Government has been in place for a few months now I thought it would be timely to arrange a meet and greet.

Some of the topics I would like to discuss are:

- Gawler Railway Line Electrification
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I look forward to hearing back with some proposed meeting dates and times.

Kind regards
Hi

Thank you very much for this.

Please give me a call if you require any additional information.

Kind Regards

Sarah

Hi Sarah,

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