

Reference: SKNOLL173546



Government
of South Australia

The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

Mr Peter Malinauskas
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Mr Malinauskas

**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 7 May 2019.

You have requested access to documents for the time period from 1 May 2019 until 6 May 2019:

“Since 1 May 2019, copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical electronic or written briefs, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) that refer to the Darlington Upgrade Project.”

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 two documents were 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 release document 1 in full.

I have determined to grant partial access to document 2. I have removed the personal contact details within this document that I have determined is 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.)

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
Minister for Planning

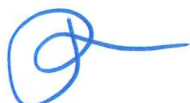
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Attached is an explanation of the provisions of the Act which details your rights to review and appeal this determination, and the process to be followed.

If you have any questions in relation to the matter, please contact Kimberly Davis, Freedom of Information Officer on telephone (08) 7109 7133 or via email at kimberly.davis@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Jenna Phillips-Wilkinson
Accredited FOI Officer

Office of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
Minister for Planning

7 June 2019

Encl Schedule of documents
Document 1
Document 2

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION NUMBER – SKNOLL 173546

Document Number	Description	Date	Release Determination	Schedule Clause
1	Email – Media Alert and Advice	6 May 2019	Release	
2	Email –complaint about delays	3 May 2019	Patril Release	6 (1)

Taylor, Sarah (DPTI)

From: Franchitto, David (DPC)
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2019 10:29 PM
To: Knoll, Stephan (DPTI); Taylor, Sarah (DPTI)
Subject: Fwd: In confidence - Retaining Wall

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rodrigues, Sam (DPTI)" <Sam.Rodrigues@sa.gov.au>
To: "Franchitto, David (DPC)" <David.Franchitto@sa.gov.au>
Cc: "Kermode, Paul (DPTI)" <Paul.Kermode@sa.gov.au>
Subject: In confidence - Retaining Wall

We have been advised this afternoon of significant damage to shotcrete on the Darlington project.

We will confirm with TMC that they will continue traffic alerts via Traffic Watch and ATN if we can't get an alert out this afternoon.

Photo of damage as referenced below



Info below – is going to Jon W for approval.



MEDIA ALERT

Monday 6 May 2019

Additional lane restrictions for the Darlington Upgrade Project

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) advises motorists that additional lane restrictions will be in place at the Darlington Upgrade Project rectification works required to a wall in the lowered motorway caused by rain last week.

Main South Road southbound between Sturt Road and Flinders Drive will be reduced to three lanes during peak periods, and two lanes during inter-peak when testing and rectification works will be undertaken. There will be no lane restrictions in place for northbound traffic on Main South Road.

This restriction is due to localised damage to a section of shotcrete (spray-on concrete) in the lowered motorway. Testing is continuing to determine the full extent of damage ahead of required rectification works and it is anticipated that this will take at least six weeks.

Motorists are advised to expect delays and to allow additional travel time. To ensure the safety of motorists and workers, please adhere to all lane restrictions and speed limits.

We thank motorists for their patience while these critical works are undertaken.

For real time roadwork information download the AddInsight app for Apple (<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/addinsight/id1099048200>) or Android (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.sa.addinsight>), or visit the Traffic SA website at www.traffic.sa.gov.au.

KEY MESSAGES

- Gateway South has identified a localised failure of shotcrete* on the walls of the lowered motorway on the Darlington Upgrade Project, between Flinders and Sturt Road following heavy rains experienced last week. *shotcrete is sprayed concrete
- Testing is continuing to determine the full extent of damage ahead of required rectification works. It is anticipated that this will take at least six weeks.
- For the safety of motorists and workers, additional lane closures are required while these works are undertaken.
- During this time, traffic management will be in place with three lanes available for south-bound motorists in peak times, reduced to two lanes at inter-peak when testing and rectification work will be undertaken. This arrangement has been initiated to enable the least disruption to traffic flows while works are undertaken.
- Motorists are advised to expect delays and asked to allow additional time to their travel.
- We thank motorists for their patience while these critical works are undertaken.

Frequently Asked Questions – Not for publication

Why didn't you tell us this earlier ?

The extent of the impact was not known until in-depth investigations occurred over the weekend. It was initially thought the impact was minor and extended rectification was not required.

Why will this take at least six weeks ?

Geo-testing is required to determine the exact locations that need rectification and further testing will occur along other areas, outside the area between Flinders and Sturt Road, to ensure the integrity of the lowered motorway walls. Results of these investigations will inform the full extent of rectification required.

Why have you covered the area with tarpaulins – to hide the damage ?

The failure point has been covered to protect exposed soil from water owing to expected rain and potential erosion from such, not to hide anything.

We are coming into winter – it happens every year, will the problem increase with rains expected this week and beyond ? didn't you plan for winter and rain ?

The issue is that water has ingressed into the soil behind shotcrete. Obviously this indicates that there is a point that is allowing water where it shouldn't. We had to identify where that is located and prevent further ingress, however we also have to determine the damage that has already been done.

Is this the result of faulty concrete ?

No, this is not related to faulty or sub-standard products, this is a result of water ingress into the soil behind the shot-crete.

Do you have to close lanes ? Why can you have some lanes reopened at peak ?

Lane closures are required for the safety of workers undertaking testing and rectification works and to have separation between the wall and motorists. Every effort is made to minimise these impacts to motorists which is why more lanes are opened at peak and testing and rectification works will be undertaken at inter-peak times, requiring the closure of an additional lane.

What about the rest of the lowered motorway? How can you be sure the rest of the wall won't fall down?

Geo-testing undertaken has shown the damage is localised to the section between Flinders and Sturt Road. Testing will continue throughout the project site in the coming weeks as rectification works are undertaken.

What about Main South Road – is that safe?

There is no evidence that the structural integrity of the road had been impacted in any way. The lane closures are for the safety of workers in the lowered motorway.

Traffic will be impacted – how do emergency services get through? Especially ambulances accessing Flinders Medical Centre?

The project is liaising with emergency services on how best to facilitate their needs. The project is also working closely with bus service providers to ensure impacts to their services are mitigated as best as possible.

Will this impact the completion date for this project?

Works in other sections of the project are able to be undertaken while remediation works are ongoing. The project is still due for completion by the end of the year.



Davis, Kimberly (DPTI)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 8:18 PM
To: enquiries@gatewaysouth.com.au
Cc: DPTI:Minister Knoll; [REDACTED]
Subject: Major Delays for no apparent reason

To Whom it may concern

For the past 2 evenings, I have endured major delays travelling south through the Darlington Upgrade. These delays were a result of 2 lanes being closed around the South Rd Sturt Rd intersection. Whilst I understand the need to change and restrict road conditions during this upgrade, however, on both evenings there was no evidence of any work being carried out !! So I have wasted 2 hours of my life together with hundreds of other commuters for no gain. Can you please explain the reason WHY you choose to waste our time and fuel for what appears to have no purpose.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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