Reference: SKNOLL164335

Mr Tony Piccolo MP  
Member for Light  
148 Murray Street  
GAWLER SA 5118

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 Town of Gawler's proposed revocation of the Community Land Status applied to the land located at 180 Hindmarsh Blvd, Evanston Gardens (corner of Hindmarsh Blvd and Musgrave St)"

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 13 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, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012 and 013 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.)

Document 007 I have determined to release to you 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 the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars.

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

28 August 2018

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To The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP.

I am writing to strongly oppose the revoking of community land status of Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens by the Gawler Council.

I have outlined some of the negative impacts the sale of this reserve will have to not only myself but the wider community below.

- The sale of the reserve will further diminish the already declining open space for native birds and other fauna.
- If the development of the reserve was to go ahead, this will increase traffic in an already tight road space not designed for the extra traffic this will bring.
- Increase of traffic and therefore noise will impact residents mental and physical health whilst possibly affecting their sleep.
- The development of this reserve will decrease the value of existing properties, in most cases properties were brought at a premium due to the fact of the open parkland which are now ear marked for sale.
- The removal of the open space will also make it harder for our children to have a space to run, kick the footy or play with their remote controlled toys. To which I have done with my children on many occasion. In a time where it is already hard to get children outside to play the last thing we need is to sell off land where they can do these things.
- A lot of the local houses have little to no back yards, again the reserve being the reason many of these houses were brought as the small back yards were not an issue with the reserve across the road.
- The impact to the local environment will be swift. The open reserve allows for breezes to flow freely through the area. Developing this site will decrease these and cause the use of more air conditioning in the warmer months. Both impacting on the environment due to the use of more electricity but also impacting everyone’s electricity bills which are already at breaking point.

These are just a couple of issues outlined, with plenty more.

I ask you take these into consideration when making your decision on Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard and oppose the revoking of community land status.

Kind regards
The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Transport and Local Government  
136 North Terrace  
Adelaide, SA 5000  

Dear Minister,  

We write to you in regards to the Town of Gawler’s Submission on the Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard and register our strongest possible objection to this proposal.  

We first learned about this radical proposal by word of mouth from a resident of [redacted]. As long-time residents of many years, [redacted] came as a total shock to hear this news especially as we had had no official supplied to us by Council.  

[redacted] we are of course particularly anxious about the possibility losing access to this wonderful piece of open space. This is a small oasis in the middle of what is otherwise a quite but heavily built-up suburban street.  

Here is a small park with native trees, shrubs and walking paths. Compared to the highly manicured and professionally landscaped parks of the higher socio-economic areas in Gawler, it is definitely the poorer cousin. This is common with other facilities as well such as footpaths, why this is so, it is a much broader discussion that can wait till the next Council elections. Despite its shortcomings as a park, it is our park, the rate-payers park. It was put there for community and that is its purpose. It is not and was never intended to be an asset that could be disposed of at the whim of the Council. This is an important environmental asset and once sold, can never be replaced.  

The other park at the far end of Hindmarsh Boulevard does not in any way negate the benefits provided by the park at Lot 180. But if our park is sold, then what is next on the Councils financial agenda? The sale of that park as well?  

To see this park ripped apart and replaced by affordable housing would be an unmitigated disaster. The last thing that Hindmarsh Boulevard and Musgrave Street needs is more housing. There are already numerous nearby areas where housing projects are in progress; Oriana Waters, Springvale Waters, the Gateway (off Angle vale Road and also the Gateway near Salt Church. We don't need any more houses, affordable or otherwise. Apart from turning the area into an eyesore, we do not have sufficient infrastructure. There is one primary school and no shops at all. Plans for the proposed shopping centres to service these areas were scrapped two or three years ago.  

Instead of Revocation of Community Land Status Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard we implore you to keep the park and spend just a little of our rates to improve it by planting and maintaining suitable grass and upgrading the walking paths.  

As I said earlier in this [redacted] and knew nothing about this proposal until our neighbours came to talk to us about our feelings regarding the proposal; needless to say we were very surprised and upset. We purchased this house in 2003 [redacted] and we were told at the time that it would never be built on because Gawler guarantees
an amount of green space per so many houses. This was a main reason we purchased in Evanston Gardens, knowing our family members lived in close proximity. We wanted a home that we felt was in somewhat of a safe area.

Our home was perfect for this. We have great neighbours and our street is very supportive of each other and because of that we feel very safe, even tho we are older and the kids have all moved away.

The increase of traffic would not make this a safe street, and would devalue our home which apart from our car is our only asset. This is something none of the local residents can afford.

We support the alternative proposal that as a neighbourhood we will apply for a grant to tidy-up up the park and that could make it a very low maintenance asset for the town of Gawler.


and all the others have drawn up a plan that would make the park a more useful facility, a win/win situation for all including the native wildlife including birds, lizards, birds, and other wildlife including a Koala that recently visited.

Residents take great pride in this neighbourhood, we all decorate for Christmas and have a get together to celebrate the holidays, we watch over each other’s homes at all times. Our only real problems are the occasional residents that involve themselves in the use, production or sale of illicit drugs. These activities are confined to ‘affordable housing’ properties and some Hosing SA rental properties.

In summary, we seek your support to get the Gawler Council to reverse its ridiculous proposal to sell-off this wonderful community asset and replace it with yet another small housing development which is neither needed nor wanted by our community. Please ask the Gawler Council to reverse the Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status at Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard.

Yours sincerely
From: Stone, Rachel (DPTI)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 May 2018 10:12 AM
To: DPTI:Minister Knoll
Cc: Local parks

The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP
Minister for Transport Infrastructure
And Local Govt.

Revocation of Community Land at Lot 180 Hindmarsh BLD Evanston Gardens

This reserve is meant for people to enjoy but they have been unable to do so because of the wilful neglect by the Gawler Council. This reserve is covered in caltrop and that is why it has been under utilised.
A plan to develop this area through a go fund my neighbourhood community grant will ensure that trees and native grasses will be planted and pathways built to enhance the area for public enjoyment.
These reserves are needed in communities such as this as they are essential for the environment and help negate greenhouse gases. These reserves must be preserved for future generations and NOT contributed to urban sprawl.

Yours
Honourable Stephan Knoll MP,

Please find attached my response to the Proposed Revocation Of Community Status Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard.

Please also note that a copy of this letter sent to Town of Gawler - Gawler Council.

Kind regards
SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND STATUS LOT 180 HINDMARSH BOULEVARD

To Gawler Council,

- I strongly oppose the proposal to revoke the community land status at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard as this valuable piece of land, which was Community Land Classified by Gawler Council, has not been maintained by Council for community use, and council has now identified it as underutilised. It is council’s responsibility to ensure that all parks and recreational areas are maintained for community use. It is so important for all Gawler ratepayers to have areas set aside for community use, as we pay our council rates, and receive little in return.

- The reserve on the corner Hindmarsh Boulevard and Musgrave Street is a valuable asset to our community because it is vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in this community, ensuring the health of families and youth, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of this community, and contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors. This reserve will increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the closer such land is to maintained reserves. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to reserve increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.

Parks and reserves are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are. Reserves provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, and provide places for health and well-being that are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities, especially to those with disabilities. Access to parks and recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency. Maintaining this land will provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to the community, and encourage all to interact...
with one another and expand social connections. People value the time they spend in parks and reserves, whether walking a dog, exercising in different ways or having a picnic. Along with these expected leisure amenities, this land can also provide measurable health benefits, from providing direct contact with nature and a cleaner environment, to opportunities for physical activity and social interaction. There are significant correlations to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health to the length of stay in visits to parks and reserves.

- The open space of the reserve provides natural habitat for many species of native birds, flora and fauna, which would be disastrous to lose if Council revoked this piece of land. The land can only help to boost the health of our planet, and also abate pollution, control storm water runoff and some even educate the public on the importance of conservation.

- It is important to the environment due to upgrading and expanding its green infrastructure, the interconnected system of green spaces that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions, and functions, clears air and water, and provides a wide array of benefits to people and wildlife. Green infrastructure is a community’s natural life support system, the ecological framework needed for environmental sustainability. Open spaces and reserves are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

I do not think that Gawler Council has adhered to their objectives and policy statements as quoted below

“OBJECTIVE
The Council aims to respect and nurture the environment through strong civic leadership and community empowerment. The Council will lead by example to protect and enhance the environment, with consideration of innovative practice and affordability for the community.

POLICY
2.1.3 The demonstration and promotion of best practice to the wider community

POLICY COMMITMENTS
3.1 To achieve the Environmental Policy, the Town of Gawler is committed to:
3.1.1 Integrating sustainability and environmental protection considerations into Council decision-making processes.
3.1.2 Supporting environmental education and promotion for the community.
3.1.3 Strengthening relationships with relevant community groups to support environmental and community well-being initiatives.
3.1.4 Communicating Council's environmental objectives, actions and monitoring.
3.1.5 Establishing ecologically sustainable development planning principles and policies to manage sustainable growth.

1.1.6 Reviewing Council's Environmental management Plan every five years.
1.1.7 Complying with legislative requirements including, but not limited to, the Local Government Act 1999, the Development Act 1993, the Environment Protection Act 1993, the Native Vegetation Act 1991, the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)."

I urge Gawler Council to strongly reconsider the proposed revocation of Community Land Status Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard.
Stone, Rachel (DPTI)

From:  
Sent:  Wednesday, 30 May 2018 9:01 PM  
To:  DPTI:Minister Knoll  
Subject: The Reserve at Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard  

Dear Sir,

The Reserve at Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard is used by a number of birds (for nesting and feeding) at different times of the year and acts as a thoroughfare for locals, commuters and school students. Occasionally wildlife have been spotted as well, notably a kangaroo and a koala. It also helps provide oxygen via the trees, moderates the local climate and provides an amenity for nearby houses, even as it is. If this “underutilised” land was sold off all these functions would disappear!

Many people have come up with different possible uses for the area that will improve usability without costing Gawler Council a lot for either establishment or maintenance. Low maintenance proposals include making a bush area using endemic vegetation including native grasses, bird/bee friendly trees and making a Bush Tucker area. Gravel paths would assist pedestrians and could provide a place for young children to practice bike riding before venturing on to the road. A Community Garden is another proposal and it is possible to combine many of the proposed uses as they could be accommodated in different sections. People in the local area are willing to contribute ideas and help with work on the Reserve at Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard so that the Gawler Council will have little outlay on establishment or Park upkeep.

Yours Sincerely,
Dear Sir,

The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
136 North Terrace, Adelaide SA

Dear Sir,

Regards the "Submission by Gawler Council of Revocation of Community Land Status, 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard."

Evanston Gardens was developed in the late 1970's when the three reserves provided were a legal requirement to be met by any developer of same.
Sadly the rule regards Reserve Area's to Allotment Ratio have been diluted by later State Acts.

The area in question was the first to have very minimal playground facilities erected. These were relocated and very slowly upgraded at the current Hindmarsh Boulevard site after a then young Gawler Councilor now a State Member of Parliament by stealth (with others) proposed to sell off reserve land with the promise of upgraded park facilities! His recent glossy letter to locals might have them think he is rowing their boat but it does no more than describe the process.

The said area has had no noticeable maintenance carried out for the last nearly 30 years and clearly no real cost to ratepayers either.
Locals say the calftrough deters any spontaneous use of the park BUT those who bought into the area did so with the belief they would have QUIET ENJOYMENT unlike current housing developments. With very little cost surely more trees etc could be provided or maybe let the locals have a go.
We now see the norm is to build gutter to gutter, no real back yard for what must only for us oldies be an air-conditioned prison for our future generations. Car/house ratios producing congested street parking.

I believe the Council cannot fully control what any future developer would erect including possible purchase of additional properties for certainly higher density dwellings/flats/other purposes which could include multi-story structures.

Improvements to the existing playground reserve as a matter of principal cannot be tied to revocation of Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard as suggested in the council flyers but must like all other council amenities stand on their own merit and therefore priorities.

I appreciate the bigger picture Council has for Gawler as a whole and all its competing needs but suggest Evanston Gardens should be allowed to retain in essence its current character which in time may reward future generations.
Do NOT revoke the status of Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

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8 June 2018

Hon. S K Knoll
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
level 12
138 North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Minister

On Thursday 7 June 2018, the following petition was presented in the House of Assembly.

By Hon A Piccolo, Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, from 584 Residents of the Town of Gawler and greater South Australia requesting the House to urge the Minister for Local Government to refuse to approve the revocation of community land, classification of Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens, as requested by the Town of Gawler Council

As the matters raised in this petition appear to fall within the responsibility of your portfolios, a copy of the covering page of the petition is attached for your information, in accordance with Standing Order 88.

Your sincerely

[Signature]

Parliamentary Officer
House of Assembly
PETITION

To the Honourable Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled —

The Petition of the undersigned residents of the Town of Gawler and greater South Australia.

We draw the attention of your Honourable House to the actions of the Town of Gawler Council (the Council) in seeking a revocation of community land classification of Lot 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens (the Reserve). The Council are seeking to sell the Reserve for a housing development, which will remove important open space from the immediate vicinity, which is utilised by local fauna and adds to the amenity of the suburb.

Request
Your petitioners therefore request that your Honourable House urges the Minister for Local Government to refuse to approve the revocation of the classification of community land from the Reserve as requested by the Council.

SIGNATURES

N. McIlwraith

EACH

[Signature]

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ADRESSES

5 Winter St Eliza Towns.

18 Barron Rd Morphett Vale

4 Musgrave St Evanston Gardens

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The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP
Minister for Transport and Local Government
136 North Terrace
Adelaide SA 5000

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND STATUS LOT 180 HINDMARSH BOULEVARD

To The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP,

We strongly oppose the proposal to revoke the community land status at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard which the Gawler Council is currently seeking to revoke. As long term residents, we are one of many residents of Gawler who wish to keep this land as a reserve. We are totally against the reserve being sold to a developer, for low cost affordable housing. Attached is a copy of our letter sent to The Town of Gawler. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding this matter.

Regards,
May 27, 2018
Town of Gawler
43 High Street
Gawler East SA 5118

SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND STATUS LOT 180 HINDMARSH BOULEVARD

To The Honourable Stephan Knoll MP,

We strongly oppose the proposal to revoke the community land status at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard.

We purchased a house in this area and fell in love with the property. It has many mature trees on it, which is the home to plenty of wildlife. We love living here as it is so quiet. It is the best part of Gawler as far as we are concerned.

We are concerned that the potential sale of this reserve to a developer, which will downgrade the value of our homes and definitely downgrade our quality of life. I am sure you are aware that this land will be used for housing, but not on blocks of land that we reside on. We are guessing 300m2 blocks, with town houses also. We are worried about the added noise, pollution, crime and lack of free flowing breezes that developing this land will create. We are also concerned about the removal of approximately 34 trees, resulting in the resident wildlife having to relocate to a new home. We are sure you have a good heart, but just like we don’t want to see it happen.

There are several surrounding housing establishments in Evanston Gardens that have only been recently developed, for people to build new houses amongst new homes. One housing establishment is continuing to be developed at this present moment. Don’t devalue our homes by mixing older homes with new homes. Keep the name “Evanston Gardens” not “Evanston Houses.”
We agree that the reserve is underutilised, but would you like to take your children/grandchildren to a reserve that is full of caltrop and many other weeds at certain times of the year? When our sons were younger, many times they attempted to kick a football in the reserve, only to come home in disgust, with clothes full of dirt, mud and prickles, depending on the time of the year. They would have loved to utilise this reserve much more than they did, if only it was more suitable to play on. The council has never given the reserve a fair go with upgrading and maintaining it, only mowing it a few times a year.

In the future, instead of selling this reserve to a developer, we would like to see this reserve developed into a nature reserve with new trees planted, low maintenance native plants and grasses, for the wildlife, residents and future residents to enjoy.

Before you make your decision on the revocation of the reserve, we would ask you to seriously consider the huge impact the sale would have on the residents of Evanston Gardens.

This proposal is unnecessary and the residents of the area deeply oppose the revocation of this land.

Regards,
Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for a copy of your letter to the Town of Gawler Chief Executive Officer, regarding its consideration of revoking the status of the Public Reserve at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advises that the classification of this piece of land is solely a matter for the Town of Gawler. I have been advised that all of the public consultation requirements have been met, and I am therefore unable to intervene in this matter.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

3 July 2018
Dear [Name],

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2018, regarding the Town of Gawler’s (the Council) consideration of revoking the status of Public Reserve at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advises that the classification of this piece of land is solely a matter for the Council. I have been advised that all of the public consultation requirements have been met, and I am therefore unable to intervene in this matter.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

27 June 2018
Thank you for your email dated 30 May 2018, with your submission in response to the Town of Gawler’s (the Council) consideration of revoking the status of Public Reserve at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advises that the classification of this piece of land is solely a matter for the Council. I have been advised that all of the public consultation requirements have been met, and I am therefore unable to intervene in this matter.

I have noted your submission to the Council and appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

5th June 2018
Dear [Name],

Thank you for your email dated 30 May 2018, regarding the Town of Gawler's (the Council) consideration of revoking the status of Public Reserve at 180 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advises that the classification of this piece of land is solely a matter for the Council. I have been advised that all of the public consultation requirements have been met, and I am therefore unable to intervene in this matter.

If the Council decides to keep this land as open space then I am sure it would welcome suggestions, such as those you mention, that would maximise the benefit for the community.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

27 June 2018
Dear [Name],

Thank you for your email dated 30 May 2018, regarding the Town of Gawler’s (the Council) consideration of revoking the status of Public Reserve at 160 Hindmarsh Boulevard, Evanston Gardens.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advises that the classification of this piece of land is solely a matter for the Council. I have been advised that all of the public consultation requirements have been met, and I am therefore unable to intervene in this matter.

If the Council decides to keep this land as open space then I would encourage you to organise with other residents to seek a grant for improvement of the site, as you suggest.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Hon Stephen Knoll MP
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

27 June 2018
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;

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