



Government  
of South Australia

The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert

FOI Ref: SKNOLL175303

Hon T Koutsantonis MP  
Member for West Torrens  
229 Henley Beach Road  
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Dear Mr Koutsantonis

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 21 June 2019.

You have requested access to:

*"A copy of all correspondence, emails, diary invites, scheduled meetings, briefings, minutes, notes, sms's or any other relevant information or documents regarding the Port Adelaide Rail Spur."*

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 6 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 document 1. I have removed the personal contact details within this document, which 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.)*

Document 2 is a media release and is publicly available from <https://premier.sa.gov.au/media-release>. Document 5 is the Agency Statement for the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and is publicly available from [https://statebudget.sa.gov.au/budget-docs/2019-20\\_agency\\_statements\\_volume\\_3.pdf](https://statebudget.sa.gov.au/budget-docs/2019-20_agency_statements_volume_3.pdf). Document 6 is a response to Question on Notice 803 and as such is publically available. I have not provided a copy of these documents.

I have determined to refuse access to document 3 in accordance with clause 17 (c) of the Act which states:

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## **17-Documents subject to contempt etc**

*A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the public disclosure of which would, but for any immunity of the Crown –  
(c) infringe the privilege of Parliament.*

I have determined to not release document 4, in accordance with clause 9(1)(a)(i)(b) of the Act which states:

### **9 – Internal Working documents**

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;  
in the course of or for the purpose of the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency; and
- (b) The disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

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

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 efficient and effective conduct of the agency's functions.
- The need for some confidentiality to allow the agency to operate efficiently.
- Encouraging the free exchange of ideas during deliberative processes including through the frank and candid assessment of advice supplied to government.

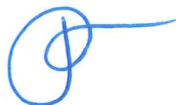
In this case I find the factors against disclosure outweigh those in favour and therefore I consider document 4 exempt under the Act.

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, will be published in the agency's disclosure log within 90 days from the date of this determination. Any private information will be removed. 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 objection to this publication, please contact us within 30 days of receiving this determination.

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](mailto: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

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Encl Schedule of documents

Documents

Your rights to review and appeal this determination

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION NUMBER – SKNOLL175303

Document Number	Description	Date	Release Determination	Schedule Clause
1	Letter from Minister Knoll	3 March 2019	Partial Release	6 – Personal Details
2	Media Release – Public Transport Accessibility	29 March 2019	Publically available	
3	Letter to Mr Dan Cregan MP – PWC Quarterly Report	20 May 2019	Refused Access	17 (c) – Documents subject to contempt
4	Minute from DPTI regarding Port Dock	3 June 2019	Refused Access	9(1)(a)(i)(b) - Working Document
5	Agency Statements	18 June 2019	Publically Available	
6	Response to Question on Notice 803		Publically Available	



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email regarding changes to the route 333 bus service as part of the January 2019 service changes and accessibility at the Port Adelaide railway station.

As mentioned in my previous response, changes to route 333 services were made based on analysis which confirmed very low patronage demand as well as the duplication of the majority of the route with the Outer Harbor train line. However, three services have been maintained to operate in each direction on weekdays. I encourage you to use the Journey Planner on the Adelaide Metro website ([www.adelaidemetro.com.au](http://www.adelaidemetro.com.au)) or ring the Adelaide Metro InfoLine (1300 311 108) to ensure you are aware of the best public transport options in your area.

I am concerned by the difficulty you have with the ramp at Port Adelaide railway station, installation of a lift in the short term cannot be justified given the Port Dock Railway Line Spur Project. This will return train services to the centre of Port Adelaide and include the construction of a brand new railway station at Baker Street, Port Adelaide. It will also include the re-construction of a spur line from the existing Outer Harbor line at Grand Junction Road. This new station will be at ground level and accessible via a short ramp as an alternative option to the current station servicing Port Adelaide.

The Port Dock Railway project is currently in the design stage and the construction schedule will be finalised once sufficient design has been completed. For further information on the project or to receive project updates, I encourage you to visit: <https://ptpa.com.au/projects/port-dock-railway-line-station>

I appreciate the time you have taken to convey your additional thoughts to me regarding this matter and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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

3 March 2019

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