



Government  
of South Australia

The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert

FOI Ref: SKNOLL180178

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Member for West Torrens  
229 Henley Beach Road  
TORRENSVILLE SA 5031

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 26 November 2019.

You have requested access to:

*“A copy of all correspondence, memos, emails, diary invites, scheduled meetings, briefings, minutes, notes, sms’s or any other relevant information or documents (including any drafts) regarding the cancelation of the Port Adelaide Rail Spur and the costs to the taxpayer incurred to date in the planning and preparation for its construction”.*

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 11 documents have been identified within the scope of your request.

Please note any documents discovered and determined as part of your previous FOI application on this matter (SKNOLL175303) have not been included again as part of this application. I have attached the previous schedule provided to you for your convenience.

I have determined to grant access to documents 4-6, and 11. Document 11 was previously refused as part of SKNOLL175303 (Document 4) however it has now been determined that the public interest in favour of release of this document outweigh those against disclosure.

I have determined to partially release documents 1-3 and 7-10.

I 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:

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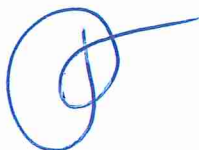
*(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*

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 myself on telephone (08) 7109 4830 or via email at [ministerknoll@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerknoll@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:

Your rights to review and appeal this determination

Schedule of documents for SKNOLL180178

Schedule of documents for SKNOLL175303

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION  
NUMBER – SKNOLL180178

| Document Number | Description           | Date     | Release Determination | Schedule Clause                                |
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| 1               | Email                 | 19/6/19  | Partial Release       | 6(1)   |
| 2               | Letter                | 5/7/19   | Partial Release       | 6(1)   |
| 3               | Email with attachment | 15/7/19  | Partial Release       | 6(1)   |
| 4               | Letter                | 6/9/19   | Release               |  |
| 5               | Letter                | 24/8/19  | Release               |  |
| 6               | Letter                | 24/10/19 | Release               |  |
| 7               | Letter                | 7/10/19  | Partial release       | 6(1)   |
| 8               | Letter                | 31/7/19  | Partial release       | 6(1)   |
| 9               | Email                 | 21/6/19  | Partial release       | 6(1)<br>Out of scope<br>information<br>removed |
| 10              | Letter                | 9/8/19   | Partial release       | 6(1)<br>Out of scope<br>information<br>removed |
| 11              | Minute                | 7/6/19   | Release               |  |



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991

### YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW

#### INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied or concerned with the decision of this Agency 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 Agency. 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 Agency 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 Agency, you are unable to request an Internal Review but you can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman, or SACAT.

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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).

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If you are still dissatisfied with the decision made by this Agency after an Internal Review or after a review by the Ombudsman, you can request a review from SACAT.

You must exercise your right of review to SACAT within 30 calendar days after being advised of the determination or the results of any other Internal or Ombudsman 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)



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| 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  |  |

**Phillips-Wilkinson, Jenna (DPTI)**

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**From:** DPC:PCU  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 June 2019 5:19 PM  
**To:** DPTI:Minister Knoll  
**Subject:** Direct Response on Behalf of the Premier Due - PREM - B382779 - [REDACTED] - Budget - Rail Extension to Port Adelaide

**Direct Response Required**

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| <b>REPLY DUE DATE</b> |
| <b>03-07-2019</b>     |

Premier's Office Reference: 'PREM - B382779'

**AUTHOR:** [REDACTED]

**SUBJECT:** [REDACTED] - Budget - Rail Extension to Port Adelaide

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Please provide a **DIRECT RESPONSE** to the author on the Premier's behalf. Ensure that reference is made to the Premier in the response given by your Minister.

Please follow the link below to a secure workspace where you can access the correspondence and upload a copy of the response once it has been finalised and sent.

[Connect Workspace](#)

Please find comments from the Premier's Office below.

*'Dear DPTI colleagues - grateful your DIRECT RESONSE on the issue of the rail extension to Port Adelaide. Thanks!'*

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**From:** Dunstan.EO <Dunstan@parliament.sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Subject:** FW: Building South Australia

[REDACTED]  
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**HON STEVEN MARSHALL MP**  
MEMBER FOR DUNSTAN | PREMIER

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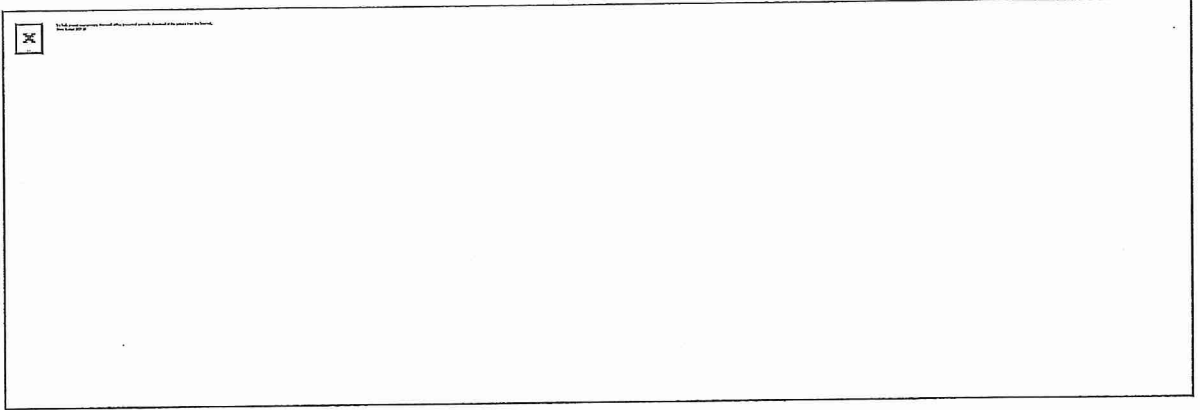
**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Steven Marshall  
**Subject:** Re: Building South Australia

**There's nothing in the Budget Papers re the rail extension to Port Adelaide.  
What's going on?**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Steven Marshall <[steven@stevenmarshall.com.au](mailto:steven@stevenmarshall.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:45 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Building South Australia



Dear Robert,

Last year's budget set a vision for our state and now it's time to build it!

Today we have delivered a budget that will build a better future for South Australians.

We're building new roads, schools, a better health system and growing our regions – and all of this activity will lead to more South Australian jobs.

The budget has faced significant challenges with an estimated reduction of \$2.1 billion in GST revenue.

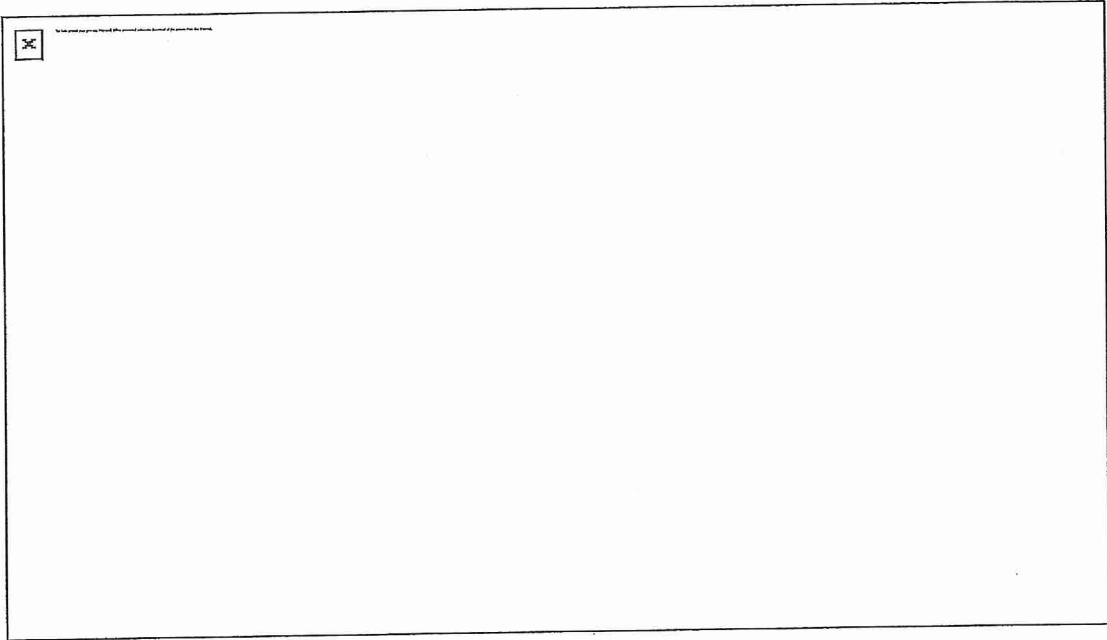
Despite this, we are delivering a massive infrastructure program and record investment in education and regional roads.

We are investing:

- \$11.9 billion over four years to build roads and key infrastructure projects across the state
- \$550 million to commence building a new Women's and Children's Hospital
- \$537 million for new health services and initiatives
- \$104 million to support the housing industry and home buyers
- \$52 million to protect our coastal environments

The Government is building South Australia. To learn more about #SABudget2019, visit [www.statebudget.sa.gov.au](http://www.statebudget.sa.gov.au)

You can also watch our budget video here:



Yours sincerely,



**Hon Steven Marshall MP**  
Premier of South Australia

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**Government  
of South Australia**

**The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert**

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, regarding the proposed rail extension to Port Adelaide. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, the Premier has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and respond on his behalf.

The State Government is conducting a North Western Planning Study which will consider public transport needs and delivery in the Port Adelaide area. As part of the Study, a review of the scope of the Port Dock Railway Line and Station project will be undertaken to consider the broader benefits to the growing Port Adelaide precinct and surrounding suburbs.

Following detailed planning work, it was identified that the Port Dock project would cost \$40 million to deliver, not the original \$16 million initial cost estimate, which was committed without a full technical site assessment and concept design. Progressing through these has identified potential opportunities to further improve public transport services and connectivity for Port Adelaide and more broadly, the north western suburbs. Accordingly the Port Dock project has been suspended, pending the findings of the Study.

The Public Transport Projects Alliance has been engaged to undertake the North Western Planning Study with the results informing the best use of funds to invest in improving public transport and urban renewal opportunities for residents, businesses and the broader community. For more information and to register for regular updates, please visit <https://ptpa.com.au/projects/nwplanningstudy>.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for your interest in this project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephan Knoll', written over the 'Yours sincerely' text.

**HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP  
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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**Gysbers, Sarah (DPTI)**

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**From:** [REDACTED] s6(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 July 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** DPTI:Minister Knoll  
**Subject:** Letter from [REDACTED] s6(1) Pirate Life Brewing  
**Attachments:** PirateLife\_PortADL\_Transport.pdf

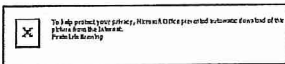
To whom it may concern,

**ATTN: Sarah Taylor, Chief of Staff**

Please find the attached letter addressed to Minister Knoll. I am available for further correspondence via phone or email if required.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
s6(1)



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10 July 2019

The Hon. Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
Member for Schubert  
Level 12, 136 North Terrace  
Adelaide, SA, 5000

Dear Minister

### **Port Adelaide rail extension**

Pirate Life is a craft brewery that is proudly South Australian - we were established in Hindmarsh in 2014. Since we started operating, with support from the local community and increasing brand recognition overseas, we have grown rapidly. In 2017 we partnered with AB InBev, the world's leading brewer, which provided us the opportunity to invest for our future. In 2018, with support from the South Australian State Government, we opened a new brewery in Port Adelaide.

The new brewery, which is housed within the proud old 1938 Dalgety Wool Store, has led to the creation of 34 FTE new jobs on-site, with an expected 50 further FTEs to be added over the next two years. It includes a new state of the art brew kit, will have 100 per cent of its purchased electricity sourced from renewables by 2025, and increases our production by 400 per cent.

The new brewery contains a magnificent hospitality facility, which was only possible thanks to the generous financial contribution of the State, for which we remain truly grateful. The Marshall Government's decision to honour the previous Government's commitment to provide \$2 million was based on a range of factors. One of the most relevant, however, was the ability for us to create a world-class tourism destination that will attract people to the Port. This ambition was to be assisted greatly by the proposed rail extension to the heart of Port Adelaide, which contracts were awarded for in 2018.

### **Study into public transport options in the north-western suburbs**

Given that contracts had been awarded and work was scheduled to begin on the railway spur in the Port, we were not expecting the Government to announce a review of the project, including a study of further public transport options in the north-western suburbs.

While we understand the Government's detailed planning work has estimated that the project would run over budget, we would have appreciated the opportunity to be involved in consultations given the Government's support for the Brewery and the importance of the rail line extension for the business and local jobs.

Putting aside what the new study may find regarding public transport access and optionality in the Port, we encourage the Government to ensure it is conducted expeditiously.

We, in good faith, had planned our new brewery site and hospitality offering around the increased tourism that the rail extension would bring. Further, our partners at Carlton & United Breweries invested to relocate their South Australia office to the new brewery site in

Port Adelaide based, in part, on the assumption that staff would have the convenience of the rail line to offset an increased commute to Port Adelaide.

**Request for a meeting**

While we do support the rail extension primarily, we are keen to work with the Government regarding other options if that is what is recommended by the study. Ultimately, we want our brewery, as we believe the State Government does, to increase tourism, to become a nationally recognised craft beer destination, and to contribute to the ongoing revitalisation of Port Adelaide.

We request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Government's position and to work constructively with you to ensure the right public transport option is pursued quickly, effectively and efficiently. We'd be delighted to host you at the Brewery for the meeting, where we could also provide to you a tour of the facility and a briefing on our contribution to the Port and South Australia more generally. To arrange a meeting your office can contact me on [REDACTED] s6(1)

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6 August 2019



CITY OF  
Port Adelaide Enfield

Mr Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
GPO Box 1533  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Sent via email to: [ministerknoll@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerknoll@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister Knoll

I refer to your recent announcement to 'pause' the construction of the Port Dock Train Station originally proposed for Port Adelaide whilst a transport planning study be undertaken for the region.

This announcement is hugely disappointing for Council, the local community and the pending developments as the Port gears up for a monumental transformation over the next 5-10 years.

Accordingly, at the Council meeting of 9 July 2019, the following was resolved:

*'That Council express its deep disappointment at the State Government's decision to scrap plans to rebuild the Port Dock railway station and line to Port Adelaide and directs the Mayor to write to the Minister for Transport , Infrastructure and local Government in line with this.'*

The Alliance Team working on the Port Dock Project has been liaising with Council staff over the last 18 months to progress and develop the plans into a design that will see improved transport options for the Port. This includes a bus/train interchange which is considered integral to the future development and economic growth of Port Adelaide, particularly with the pending Dock 1 development (which relies on this station being built as part of the transport options for new residents) with construction to commence shortly.

I welcome a 'face to face' discussion with myself and the CEO to discuss further the importance of this project for the development and convenience for the Port Adelaide community and workers and for the economic development of the region.

Please contact Tiffany Ware, my Executive Assistant on 8405 6773 should you wish to take up my offer of meeting to discuss this important project further.

Yours faithfully

Claire Boan  
Mayor-City of Port Adelaide Enfield

Email: [claire.boan@cityofpae.sa.gov.au](mailto:claire.boan@cityofpae.sa.gov.au)

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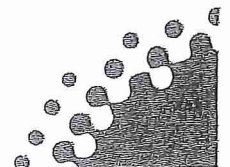
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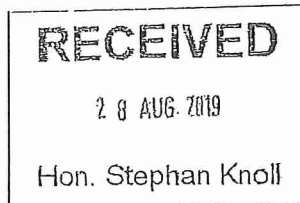


# The South Australian Aviation Museum Inc.

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ABN 21020074435



24 August 2019

Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
Level 12, 136 North Terrace  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Minister,

## South Australian Aviation Museum and the Port Dock Rail Project

While the Port Dock Rail Project will cause the SA Aviation Museum some inconvenience during its construction, its deferment is disappointing.

The inconvenience is something we will readily accept. That is both because of the expected benefits of the project resulting from more people visiting the Port, and – crucially to the Museums Precinct - the construction of good, safe road access to the Aviation Museum via Lipson Street. This access road plays a fundamental part in the functioning of the museums precinct and the *Three Museums in the Port* initiative. Considerable effort has been put into the initiative, which effectively markets the SA Maritime Museum, the National Rail Museum and the SA Aviation Museum as a single precinct all accessible via Lipson Street. This includes, in addition to cooperative marketing and pricing, pedestrian footpaths and parking alongside Lipson Street to encourage movement of visitors between the three museums.

The current access roadway (see enclosed photo) is a single-lane strip of bitumen that crosses nine railway tracks. Not only is it in poor condition but it also limits access to the museum due to its narrow width.

There are immediate benefits realisable from proceeding with this access roadway now, even given the deferment of the project. They are:

1. All the design work for the roadway has been completed so it can be considered "shovel ready";
2. Should the project continue, a major part of the scheduled works will have been completed, thus advancing its completion date;



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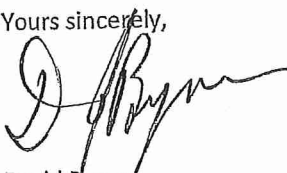
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3. It will provide much improved and urgently needed access to the Aviation Museum, which will contribute to the development of the Museums Precinct that is now an integral part of Port Adelaide's social and economic infrastructure.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss these issues with you. We would be most happy to welcome you to the museum where we could show you what is at stake and discuss the need to proceed now with the roadway irrespective of the timing of the Port Dock Rail Project.

We are available to meet at your convenience and would be grateful if you could have your staff contact me at 0401 125 766 or email [president@saam.org.au](mailto:president@saam.org.au) to make appropriate arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



David Byrne  
PRESIDENT

Cc Greg Mackie, Chief Executive History Trust of South Australia  
Jim Whalley, Chair & group Executive Director Nova Group and Patron of the South Australian Aviation Museum Inc  
David Burnett, Chairman National Railway Museum



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## DPTI:Minister Knoll

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**From:** mikemilln@senet.com.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 August 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** DPTI:Minister Knoll  
**Cc:** mike milln; 'president@saam.org.au'  
**Subject:** South Australian Aviation Museum - Correspondence 24 Aug 2019  
**Attachments:** SAAM access road-Minister Knoll-24August 2019.docx; IMG\_2325.jpg

Dear Minister,

On 24<sup>th</sup> August the signed original of the attached letter was sent to your office. Unfortunately we omitted to include the photograph of our present Lipson Street access road mentioned in the letter. We would appreciate if you could add the letter to your consideration of the issue.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Milln  
Secretary  
South Australian Aviation Museum Inc  
secretary@saam.org.au

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**Government  
of South Australia**

**The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert**

Mr David Byrne  
President  
The South Australian Aviation Museum Inc  
PO Box 150  
PORT ADELAIDE SA 5015

Dear Mr Byrne

Thank you for your letter regarding the Port Dock Rail Project.

I will take this opportunity to thank the South Australian Aviation Museum for its contribution as part of the planning for the Port Dock Rail Project. While the project would be primarily focussed at providing increased accessibility to public transport for the entire Port Adelaide centre, it would also be important to ensure the project integrates with adjacent land uses and activities, such as the iconic Museum.

As you are aware, major works for the Port Dock Rail Project are paused, pending the undertaking of a north western public transport planning study. This study will consider the future of the broader public transport network in servicing community and customer needs for the growing Port Adelaide precinct and surrounding areas. While your disappointment is acknowledged, it is of vital importance to the State Government that public monies are expended on initiatives that bring the most benefit to the community in a cost effective manner.

Unfortunately the preparation, procurement, and undertaking of a separate construction phase for the access roadway to which you refer brings significant additional costs. It also results in multiple disruption periods, which are often of concern to local communities. It will be important to undertake the review of the project before proceeding with any construction works.

I appreciate the time you have taken to write to me and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert

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s6(1)  
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Dear s6(1)

Thank you for your email on behalf of s6(1) regarding support for the bus interchange at the proposed Port Dock Railway Station.

Following detailed planning work, it was identified that the Port Dock project would cost \$40 million to deliver, not the \$16 million initial cost estimate prior to detailed planning work.

The State Government is conducting a North Western Planning Study which will consider public transport needs and delivery in the Port Adelaide area. As part of the Study, a review of the scope of the Port Dock Railway Line and Station Project will be undertaken to consider broader benefits to the growing Port Adelaide precinct and surrounding suburbs.

The Study will identify potential opportunities to further improve public transport services and connectivity for Port Adelaide and more broadly, the north western suburbs. Accordingly the Port Dock project has been paused, pending the findings of the Study.

The outcomes of the North Western Planning Study will inform the best use of funds for improved public transport and urban renewal opportunities for residents, businesses and the broader community.

I thank you for raising this matter with me and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

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Member for Schubert

s6(1)

Dear s6(1)

Thank you for your letter regarding the Port Dock Railway Line Project. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Please note the State Government will develop a North Western Planning Study which will consider and improve public transport needs and delivery in the Port Adelaide area. As part of the Study, a review of the scope of the Port Dock Railway Line and Station Project will be undertaken to consider the broader benefits to the growing Port Adelaide precinct and surrounding suburbs.

Following detailed planning work, it was identified that the Port Dock project would cost \$40 million to deliver, not the original \$16 million initial cost estimate, which was committed without a full technical site assessment and concept design. Progressing through these has identified potential opportunities to further improve public transport services and connectivity for Port Adelaide and more broadly, the north western suburbs. Accordingly the Port Dock project has been suspended, pending the findings of the Study.

The Public Transport Projects Alliance has been engaged to undertake the North Western Planning Study with the results informing the best use of funds to invest in improving public transport and urban renewal opportunities for residents, businesses and the broader community. For more information and to register for regular updates, I encourage you to visit the website at: <https://ptpa.com.au/projects/nwplanningstudy>.

I thank you for taking the time to write in with your suggestions and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stephan Knoll", written over the "Yours sincerely" text.

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

31/7/2019

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**Heinemann, Katelyn (DPTI)**

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**From:** [REDACTED] s6(1) s6(1)  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 June 2019 8:10 PM  
**To:** DPTI:Minister Knoll  
**Subject:** Outer Harbour Train Line

Minister Knoll,

I am writing to express my displeasure with two policies that have been instituted recently. One I am extremely disappointed to see that you have cancelled the Port Adelaide station. I think it was a great investment in our state. As a small business owner in the Northwestern suburbs I feel like you are really hurting my business.

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Government of South Australia

The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert

s6(1)  
[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted] s6(1)

Thank you for your email regarding the Port Dock Spur and Outer Harbour railway line.

The State Government is conducting a North Western Planning Study which will consider public transport needs and delivery in the Port Adelaide area. As part of the Study, a review of the scope of the Port Dock Railway Line and Station project will be undertaken to consider the broader benefits to the growing Port Adelaide precinct and surrounding suburbs.

Following detailed planning work, it was identified that the Port Dock project would cost \$40 million to deliver, not the original \$16 million initial cost estimate by the former Labor Government, which was committed without a full technical site assessment and concept design. Progressing through these has identified potential opportunities to further improve public transport services and connectivity for Port Adelaide and more broadly, the north western suburbs.

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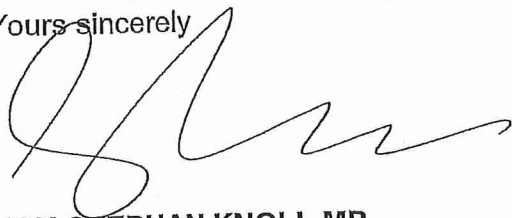
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Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

21/8/2019





**Government of South Australia**

Transport and Infrastructure

Department of Planning,

MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to: 2017/16638/01

**TO: MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**RE: PORT DOCK**

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- 5 JUN 2018

Hon. Stephan Knoll

## PURPOSE

To set out options and recommend next steps on the Port Dock Railway Project following completion of scoping, detailed design and project outturn cost, which indicates a total funding requirement of \$39.9m, against a current allocation of \$16.4m.

## BACKGROUND

In 1981 train services between Adelaide's CBD and the heart of Port Adelaide were discontinued. The last passenger train to use Port Dock Station was the remaining loop service via Rosewater and Wingfield to Dry Creek, which ended in 1988. The old Port Dock Station was demolished in 1989 to make way for the Port Adelaide Police Station and Port Adelaide Magistrates Court.

In the 2017-2018 State Budget, \$16.4m was allocated for the Port Dock Railway Line Project (the Project). This was to fund construction of a new one kilometre rail spur line, connecting Port Adelaide's commercial centre and the Dock One residential precinct (750 new dwellings) to the Adelaide Central Business District. In addition to the rail spur, it provided for a new railway station at Baker Street, adjacent the National Railway Museum (NRM) in the Port Adelaide commercial precinct.

The Project was first announced on 24 June 2017, by the previous State Government with an initial funding estimate of \$16.4m based on desktop analysis at that time by DPTI, without a full technical site assessment and concept design.

Of note, the initial costing for the Project had limited allowance of contingency. It did not include key scope elements to enable the spur to be connected to the rest of the network, nor any associated works to connect it to the public domain or address any latent site conditions (such as flooding).

Subsequent to the announcement, the Public Transport Projects Alliance (PTPA) was selected through the competitive tender to develop the design and deliver the project. An alliance contract structure was used given the uncertainty around scope and the lack of technical detail on project requirements.

Technical studies have now been completed, all requirements captured, and a final design developed, costed and value engineered. The total outturn cost estimate has been updated to \$39.9m based on standard costing principles.

## DISCUSSION

The original scope and costing for the Project did not include a number of elements that have been determined as essential to the project requirements, comprising:

- replacement and duplication of the junction with the Outer Harbour main line
- upgrade of signalling to current day standards
- a bus interchange, and public realm measures to improve safety and amenity
- drainage works to address flooding at the adjacent bus interchange
- platform facilities to enable continued operations of the National Rail Museum
- an active level crossing and shared use path to connect the Aviation Museum
- land acquisitions

Design development for this scope is now substantially complete, a cost plan has been externally developed and the project value-engineered. The in-scope works have been validated as essential to the safe and reliable operation of the rail service; and integration into the surrounding public domain.

Whilst some marginal savings may be achieved by deferring or deleting the bus interchange, access to the Aviation Museum, and public realm amenity measures, there would be adverse impacts along with community and stakeholder pressure to reinstate these elements; and their deletion would not materially alter the position.

A rapid business case was completed in 2017 when the Project was initially scoped, with the benefit-cost ratio (BCR) for the initial funding calculated at 0.52 (excluding wider economic benefits). On the updated cost-estimate, this would imply a revised BCR of circa 0.1 (excluding wider economic benefits). Whilst BCRs are typically less than 1.0 for a small-scale public transport projects in the State, on the basis of the updated outturn cost, the BCR is materially lower.

As to benefits, it is noted that due to constraints elsewhere on the Outer Harbour line, the transport outcome will be to offer a service frequency that is at maximum two services per hour to Port Adelaide (unless the Grange spur is closed); with connections to local area bus services through the interchange. Key stakeholders, particularly Renewal SA and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council point to broader benefits in terms of urban renewal, although these have not been fully analysed or understood.

On the funding gap, there are no other transport projects with sufficient clearly identifiable head room with a confidence level that would support a reallocation to cover a funding gap of \$23.5M; and in any event cabinet approval will be needed.

It is therefore proposed that the Project be paused whilst the merits of the project are reassessed and a clear rationale established to validate an investment of \$39.9m on the Project as the highest and best use of funds to improve public transport in the north west sector of the metropolitan region (see attached map). Accordingly it is proposed to commission a study of public transport needs in this region as well as completing a study of the broader benefits of Port Dock Railway Project, informed by appropriate stakeholder engagement at an estimated cost of \$1 200 000.



In the intervening period, the original allocation of \$16.4M can be quarantined for application to projects in this region, or alternatively applied to other priority public transport projects.

A summary of costs incurred or committed to date is as follows

|   |                     |
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| • Client Costs<br>(incl. Project management, technical investigations, land etc)          | \$ 970 000          |
| • Alliance Costs<br>(incl Design completion & preconstruction activities)                 | \$ 8 500 000        |
| • Long lead time procurement items<br>(incl rail turnouts which can be held in inventory) | \$ 1 250 000.       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$10 720 000</b> |

Given that these costs have been incurred in completing design and purchasing items which can be held in inventory for this or other rail projects, they would not be considered to be sunk costs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- Approve pausing the Port Dock Railway Project pending the outcome of a proposed North West Public Transport Study over the next 12 months
- Note design documentation for the Port Dock Railway Project will be completed, along with resolution of outfall drainage works to be undertaken by Council, to enable rapid commencement of construction in the event that a decision is made to resume work and complete the Project.

  
Tony Braxton-Smith  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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