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Hon Kyam Maher MLC
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Dear Mr Maher

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Office of the Minister for Environment and Water, on 17 July 2019, seeking access to:

Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or handwritten correspondence, letters, emails, briefs, minutes, diary entries and any other correspondence) between the Minister and/or the Minister's staff and Ms Nicole Flint and/or the Liberal for Boothby campaign.

DETERMINATION

Searches of documents held by the Office of the Minister for Environment and Water have found twelve (12) documents within scope of your request.

As the Accredited FOI Officer, I have considered the documents and determined to grant you full access to 1 document and partial access to 11 documents pursuant to clause 6(1) of the FOI Act with personal contact details redacted.

DISCLOSURE LOG

In accordance with [PC045 – Disclosure logs for Non-personal information](#) once a determination has been provided, the Office is required to make information and documents that have been disclosed available on the Department for Environment and Water website. Information will be publicised online at <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log/minister-disclosure-log>.

FEES AND CHARGES

There is no charge for processing this application.

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to internal review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the attached Application for Review of Determination.

If you decide to apply to exercise your rights to review, the completed form must be returned within 30 days to:

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If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact me on telephone (08) 8463 5680 or email Minister.Speirs@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Carly McNeill
ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER
Office of the Minister for Environment and Water

9 October 2019

Encl: Document schedule
Release documents

Freedom of Information DOCUMENT SCHEDULE

Reference No: 19EW0005907

Office of the Minister for Environment and Water

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Doc No	Brief Description	Date of Doc	Full Access	Part Access or Refused Access
1	Email to Nicolle Flint	2 May 2019	Full access	
1a	Attachment: Letter 19EW0004925	2 May 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
2	Letter from Nicolle Flint 7464CD	10 May 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
3	Acknowledgement letter from the Office Manager, Minister's Office 19EW0004750	15 April 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
4	Letter from Nicolle Flint 7197CD	17 February 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
4a	Attachment: Constituent email re: Littering	6 February 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
5	Letter from Minister for Environment and water 19EW0004042	17 March 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
6	Email from Nicolle Flint re: constituent enquiry- Murray Darling Basin	13 March 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
7	Letter from Nicolle Flint 7222UH	26 February 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
8	Acknowledgement letter from the Office Manager, Minister's Office 19EW0004248	22 March 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
9	Acknowledgement letter from the Office Manager, Minister's Office 19EW0004502	1 April 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
10	Letter to Nicolle Flint 19EW0004502	14 April 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
11	Letter from Nicolle Flint 7430UH	27 March 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
11a	Attachment - Constituent enquiry- Murray Darling Basin	10 February 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)
12	Letter from Minister for Environment and Water 19EW0004896	14 May 2019		Partial access – Clause 6(1)

Notes:

1. Schedule should not include information that would make it an exempt document eg exempt personal information or other exempt data
2. Documents should be clearly numbered

McInnes, Sally (DEW)

From: DEW:Minister Speirs on behalf of DEWNR:Minister Speirs
Sent: Thursday, 2 May, 2019 4:07 PM
To: 'Nicolle.flint.mp@aph.gov.au'
Subject: 19EW0004925 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: 19EW0004925_2019-05-02_incoming.pdf

Security Classification:
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Dear Ms Flint

Please find attached a copy of letter from the Office of the Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP.

Kind Regards

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6 - Documents affecting personal affairs

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand that you recently attended a street corner listening post with Ms Nicolle Flint MP, Federal Member for Boothby. Ms Flint has advised me that you are, like me, passionate about the protection and conservation of our precious coastline. I am pleased to provide you with an update in relation to what we are doing to achieve positive outcomes for our state's coastline.

The coast is one of South Australia's most important natural resources, providing social, economic and environmental benefits.

Under the previous government, our coastline was left to suffer and faced an uncertain future. The Marshall Liberal government is committed to the management, protection and conservation of our 5067 kilometres of pristine coastline and amazing beaches, as demonstrated by the \$5.2 million *New Life for our Coastal Environment* election commitment. This commitment contains practical, immediate on-ground projects including additional beach replenishment to improve beach management, creating artificial reefs to naturally retain sand and additional funding for seagrass meadow restoration.

At present, sand replenishment efforts are focused on the section of coastline between the West Beach Boat Harbour and Henley Beach. Unfortunately, this part of our coast has suffered a significant long-term loss of sand, placing the foreshore and adjacent infrastructure at risk. As a result, this section of coastline has required urgent immediate attention. While this initial action is critical, it is clear to me as the Minister for Environment and Water that there is a need to find longer-term solutions to replenish all beaches with the volumes of sand needed.

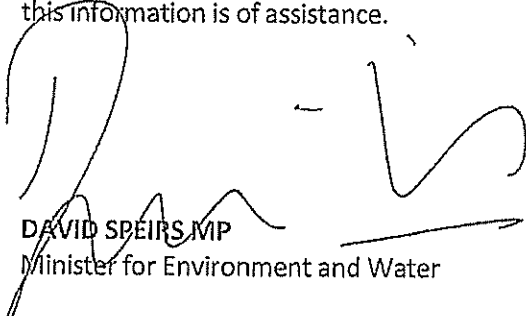
To achieve these longer-term solutions we are investing \$1 million in research and development associated with sand retention to reduce reliance on pumping and carting of sand. This research and development will be used to develop new and innovative ways to manage our coastline. I have asked for the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to consider all of our coastal areas in the planning phase of how to best utilise these additional funds. In addition, the state government will continue to collaborate with the Commonwealth and local governments to identify ways to leverage other funding opportunities to expand this important research and development.

I am also pleased to advise that the Marshall Liberal government has provided a grant of \$25,000 to Marion Council to undertake a feasibility study of a sea pool for Hallett Cove.

This report is currently being finalised and is expected to be delivered in the coming months. I am hopeful that this will reveal a realistic pathway towards an environmentally sensitive location for an ocean pool.

For updates on *New Life for our Coastal Environment* priorities and to find out about opportunities to get involved, please visit www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts or email DEWCoasts@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest in the protection and conservation of our precious coastline and I trust this information is of assistance.

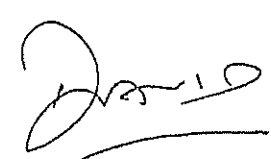


DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 02 May 2019

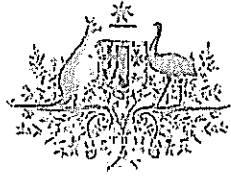
Cc: Ms Nicolle Flint MP

Documents affecting personal life

Happy to catch
up to discuss in
more detail if
you would like,


15 APR 2019

19EW00004750



NICOLLE FLINT MP

Federal Member for Boothby

Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water
GPO Box 1047
Adelaide SA 5001

Ref: 7464CD

Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of my constituent Mrs ^{6 - Documents affecting personal affairs} of Glenalta, who I met at my recent Street Corner Meeting.

Mrs ^{6 - Documents affect} raised with me her concerns regarding South Australia's water security, and the Murray Darling Basin.

I would be grateful if you could please contact Mrs ^{6 - Documents affect} and respond to her concerns regarding water.

Mrs ^{6 - Documents affect} is contactable on ^{6 - Documents affecting personal affairs} or by email ^{6 - Documents at} @bigpond.com .

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter

Yours sincerely

Nicolle Flint MP
Member for Boothby

10/4/2019

cc. Mrs ^{6 - Documents affecting personal affairs}



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19EW0004750
Your reference:7464CD

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Dear Ms Flint

On behalf of the Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, thank you for your letter dated 10 April 2019 on behalf of Mrs 6 - Documents affecting personal affairs regarding water security and the Murray Darling Basin.

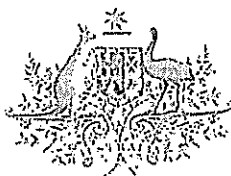
A representative of this office will make contact with Mrs 6 - Documents affecting personal affairs.

Yours sincerely

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for Office Manager to the
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Date: 10/4/2019



NICOLLE FLINT MP
Federal Member for Boothby

Date	22 FEB 2019
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Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water
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Ref: 7197CD

Dear Minister

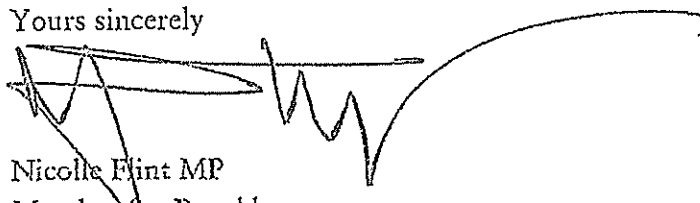
I write to you on behalf of my constituent Ms ^{6 - Documents affecting persons} of Marion, who has contacted me regarding littering in our streets.

Please find enclosed for your information and attention a copy of the correspondence received from Ms ^{6 - Documents}.

I would be grateful if you could please respond to the concerns raised by Ms ^{6 - Documents}.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely


Nicolle Flint MP
Member for Boothby

17 / 2 / 2019

Encl. Correspondence from Ms ^{6 - Documents affecting persons}
cc. Ms ^{6 - Documents affecting persons}

From: 6 - Documents affecting personal affairs <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2019 8:20 PM
To: Flint, Nicolle (MP)
Subject: Littering in the streets
Attachments: 20190206_192250.jpg

Categories:

Dear Nicole

Today on my way home from work I witnessed an occupant from the car in front of me discard rubbish out of their window. I gave them a sharp 'toot' with my horn to let them know that this had been observed. I also took a photo of the offender in preparation for making a formal report via the EPA 'Dob in a Litterer' avenue. I was sorely disappointed to discover that this programme was ceased in September last year.

Attached is the photo of the offender, who was driving a white Mitsubishi Magna, license number 6 - Documents affecting personal affairs [REDACTED]. The offence occurred at 16:25 on Friday 06 Feb 2019 while travelling south on Marion road, just past the Anzac highway intersection and immediately prior to the tram crossing just north of Cross road. There were two occupants in the vehicle – a blond long haired lady who was driving and whom I allege committed the offence, and what appeared to be a male passenger in the front passenger seat. I am not entirely sure what the litter was as I was unable to stop and pick it up due to concerns for my own safety amongst the traffic, however it appeared to be a small piece of white materials, possibly some sort of paper or food wrapper (I would not rule out a cigarette but, however, I believe this is unlikely as I did not detect an odour). Perhaps someone in your office could follow up and offer some re-education in this instance?

As a concerned citizen of South Australia who cares about our environment I would like the same right to make a citizen litter report on those people I see littering as is provided to the citizens of all other Australian States.

Despite the fact that littering is illegal, dangerous, destructive to the environment, and just plain rude, there's currently nothing that I as a responsible South Australian can do about it - and I find this to be absurd. I do of course understand the need to be fair, and to eliminate any malicious or fictitious reporting, but if other States in Australia can find a way to do it, surely so too can South Australia.

I am aware that the SA Govt is considering implementing changes to again make citizen reporting of offenders possible and I urge you to expedite this important amendment as soon as possible.

There are many enormous challenges facing our environment such as climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and water conservation, etc, and they are going to take decades and cost billions to resolve - that is, assuming that it's still possible to reverse these current and unsustainable situations. At best, any positive action by individuals on these issues can result in tangible, although virtually imperceptible improvements to the situation.

However with litter, the actions of one individual can (and will) result in the direct behavioural change of individual offenders. Compared to the ultimate cost of addressing the issues of climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and water conservation, the costs and resources required in allowing the public to contribute to the elimination of cigarette butt litter are microscopic.

After all, if we don't have the will to enact simple changes that can have an immediate and beneficial effect on the easily solvable environmental problem of cigarette butt litter, there's not really much hope that we'll eventually achieve solutions to the 'bigger environmental problems' confronting our society and our planet.

For these reasons I urge your Government to reintroduce citizen littering reports - that can be used as the basis for the prosecution of offenders - as soon as possible.

As our former chief of the defense David Hurley stated "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept". I refuse to be silenced on this matter.



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19EW0004042

Ms Nicolle Flint MP
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Dear ~~Ms Flint~~ *Nicolle*,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 February 2019 on behalf of Ms  regarding littering.

The *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* (the Act), which commenced on 1 February 2017, provided for the submission of citizen's notifications as a mechanism for members of the community to report litter incidents. To facilitate this process, the Environment Protection Authority established the 'Dob in a Litterer' program, allowing members of the public to report incidents of littering.

While the Dob in a Litterer program provided some success in raising public awareness of littering, the program was being administered at a substantial loss as it did not generate sufficient revenue to cover costs. Following significant deliberation as part of the 2018/19 State Budget, a determination was made to cease operation of the program as of 4 September 2018 as it was an inefficient use of government money.

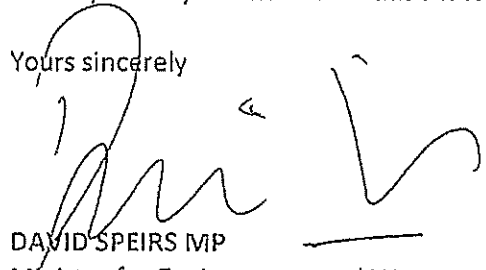
The decision to cease the program is also consistent with the Act, which makes it clear that the responsibility for local nuisance and litter issues rests with local government. The Act provides the community with an effective and consistent local service for the management of nuisance complaints and heightened deterrence for littering and illegal dumping. The action of littering is an offence and the Act provides councils with the legislative capacity to implement litter control measures that best work for their regions of responsibility.

To support this, the EPA provides ongoing advice and assistance to councils to manage smaller scale illegal dumping through sharing of expertise, some training and sharing of the EPA's surveillance cameras. The EPA also leads investigations of illegal dumping of commercial quantities of waste as well as hazardous wastes such as asbestos and chemicals. This support is in addition to the range of training material developed by the EPA in consultation with the Local Government Association to support councils in administering the Act.

Ms ^{6 - Documents} is encouraged to approach her council to discuss her concerns and to gain an understanding of the actions it is taking to address litter.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely



DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 19/03/2019

McInnes, Sally (DEW)

From: Flint, Nicolle (MP) <Nicolle.Flint.MP@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 March, 2019 11:16 AM
To: DEW:Minister Speirs
Cc: Flint, Nicolle (MP)
Subject: Constituent enquiry- 6 - Documents affecting persons
Attachments: 190227_7222_6 - Documents_Murray Darling Basin response.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear David

I recently met with one of my constituents while out doorknocking in the Clarence Gardens area, Mrs 6 - Documents affecting persons, who was particularly concerned about the Murray Darling river system.

I have sent Mrs 6 - Documents a letter with general information regarding the Federal Government initiatives in this area, particularly with reference to the recent reports of fish deaths, which I have attached to this email for your reference.

You may recall that you offered to call any of my constituents who were particularly concerned about the Murray-Darling river system and I believe that Mrs 6 - Documents would benefit greatly from such a call.

I would be most grateful if you could contact Mrs 6 - Documents to discuss her concerns further.

Her contact details are:

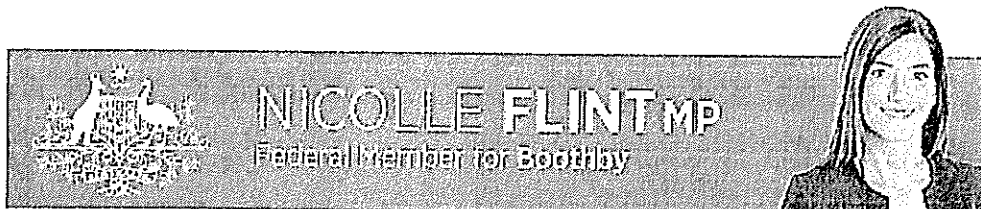
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Federal Member for Boothby

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NICOLLE FLINT MP

Federal Member for Boothby

Document 7

6 - Documents affecting personal affairs

Ref: 7222UH

CLARENCE GARDENS SA 5039

6 - Documents affecting person
Dear

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me when I was doorknocking in Clarence Gardens recently.

I note that you are concerned about the Murray-Darling river system and would like more information regarding this issue.

The rivers, lakes and waterways and associated wildlife within this system are one of Australia's most valuable natural resources, which also supports our farmers and nearby communities. Ensuring the future of this system is critical and a joint responsibility of the Australian people and the State and Federal Governments; and we must ensure that there is a balance between the natural, commercial and recreational activities that rely on the Murray Darling Basin.

In response, to the recent reports relating to fish deaths, the Federal Government proposed an immediate \$5 million for a Native Fish Management and Recovery strategy. This will not only focus on the most recently affected areas, but will include the entire Murray Darling Basin to ensure a comprehensive strategy is development and implemented to protect native fish.

On 23 January 2019, the Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, also announced a panel of scientists to conduct an independent assessment of fish deaths in the Lower Darling. The Panel will consider likely causes of the fish deaths and the effectiveness of fish management responses. The panel will also look at how to prevent similar events in the future. The panel will provide the Minister with an interim report with the final report to be submitted by the end of March, which will be made public. The terms of reference for the inquiry can be viewed online (<https://www.mdba.gov.au/managing-water/drought-murray-darling-basin/fish-deaths-lower-darling/independent-assessment-fish>).

In relation to the long term health of the Murray Darling Basin, we remain committed to the implementation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP) on time and in full. The nature, scale and complexity of our river system, requires a comprehensive and long term strategy, which is delivered in the MDBP. To find out more about the

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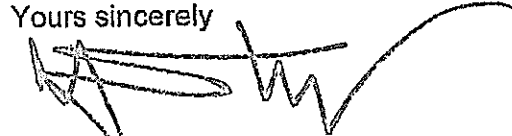
(08) 8374 0511 @ nicolle.flint.mp@aph.gov.au

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MDBP visit: www.mdba.gov.au.

I trust that you will find this information of assistance. If I can ever be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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Ms Nicole Flint MP
Member for Boothby

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Your reference: 7222UH

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Dear Ms Flint

On behalf of the Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, thank you for your email dated 13 March 2019 on behalf of Ms [REDACTED] regarding the Murray-Darling River.

Your email is currently receiving attention and Ms [REDACTED] will be contacted by this office.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 24/3/2019



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Dear Ms Flint

On behalf of the Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2019 on behalf of Mr [REDACTED] regarding the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park.

Your letter is currently receiving attention and a response will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Office Manager to the
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Date: 11/4/19



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19EW0004502
Your reference: 7430UH

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Dear Ms Flint *Nicolle*

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2019, on behalf of your constituent Mr B - Documents affecting person regarding a bridge across the Sturt Gorge flood retention dam. I agree that shared use access across the dam wall is an excellent opportunity to connect existing trails and enhance travel options for local residents.

In 2015 the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) investigated the feasibility of constructing a bridge that would enable pedestrians and cyclists to cross the existing Sturt River flood retention dam. SA Water, as owners and managers of the flood retention dam, provided in-principle support for the proposal.

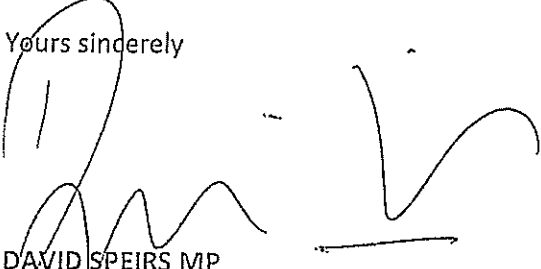
A bridge across the flood retention dam has not been progressed to date as SA Water are undertaking an analysis to assess and upgrade dam safety, and the capability of the dam to withstand a large flood event. Until this work is undertaken, it is not considered appropriate or feasible to construct a bridge across the dam.

SA Water has advised that access across the dam wall is being considered as part of the proposed dam safety work. SA Water has clarified that this proposal going ahead will remain subject to funding availability and as this project is currently in the planning phase, construction is unlikely for several years.

Should Mr B - Documents affecting person require further information, I encourage him to contact Jen Pitman, Ranger in Charge, DEW on email Jennifer.pitman@sa.gov.au or telephone 0438 865 897.

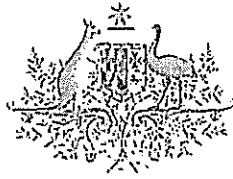
Thank you for writing to me and I trust that this information will be helpful to you and Mr B - Documents affecting personal affairs

Yours sincerely


DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 14/05/2019

*NICOLLE, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONSTANT
ADVOCACY ON
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
AFFECTING YOUR
CONSTITUENTS,
David*



NICOLLE FLINT MP

Federal Member for Boothby

29 MAR 2019

The Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water
GPO Box 1047
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Ref: 7430UH

Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of Mr [REDACTED], of Flagstaff Hill who has written to me with suggested improvements for Sturt Gorge Recreation Park.

I have enclosed for your consideration a copy of the email I received from Mr [REDACTED] that details his suggestion to construct a bridge across the top of the dam wall in Sturt Gorge Recreation Park, for the use of cyclists and pedestrians.

Could you please advise if the State Government has the capacity to consider such a proposal?

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Nicolle Flint MP
Federal Member for Boothby

27/3/2019

Encl. Copy of email from
cc. Mr [REDACTED]

Henderson, Ursula (N. Flint, MP)

From: 6 - Documents affecting personal affairs @icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, 10 February 2019 9:09 PM
To: Flint, Nicolle (MP)
Subject: Connecting communities, promoting fitness, and securing votes

Dear Ms Flint,

I know you are a busy person, so I'll cut to the chase. I am seeking your commitment and federal government financial support to construct a cycle / walking path across the top of the flood mitigation dam wall in Sturt Gorge in the Boothby electorate.

As member for Boothby, you recently campaigned to keep the suburbs of Flagstaff Hill and Aberfoyle Park as part of the Boothby Electorate, a worthwhile endeavour and something that I supported you with by writing to the AEC. It is for the same reasons that you campaigned for keeping the suburbs in Boothby as to why a pedestrian and cycling connection over the dam wall is an essential part of connecting communities across Sturt Gorge. Your campaign focused on Flagstaff Hill and the other suburbs having a closer affinity with Blackwood, Marion and other suburbs to the north than the southern suburbs, and I totally agree. This linkage would reaffirm your argument and continue to support the strong link between communities.

In support of your argument, and my request for a bridge, is the significant development of the network of mountain bike (MTB) trails in and around Sturt Gorge and Southern Hills. You are probably aware of these developments in the Gorge, at Craighburn Farm, and O'halleron Hill, as they are all in your electorate, and they are now some of the best in South Australia. One of the most significant issues is that the MTB tracks are not connected across the Gorge, and the ride to connect the areas are approximately 10 km of arduous off road riding. In addition, to the eastern end, crossing the Gorge is only possible via a narrow bridge which is shared by cars, and can be dangerous. A bridge across the dam wall would connect these trails very well.

I also bring your attention to the physical exercise benefits of building a bridge in that many of the children living at Flagstaff Hill attend Blackwood High School, including two of my own. Currently, the only feasible way to get from one suburb to the other for school is by vehicle, with many catching an overcrowded school bus. With your support of building a bridge across the wall, many of the children would be able to walk or ride a bike to school, with obvious health benefits. The distance for a routine journey from Flagstaff Hill Primary School to Blackwood High is about 10km, versus about 4 across the Gorge. Riding 10km on busy and narrow roads is not safe and not feasible, where as riding about 4km through bush and on minor quiet streets is a much more palatable option, which is currently unavailable.

The final thing I would like you to consider is why this needs to be a federal solution, and not local or state government and the issue is a simple one; boundaries. Both local and state government have boundaries along Sturt Gorge, with the State boundary between Davenport and Waite actually being over the dam wall that I speak about. As you can imagine, getting councils or state MP's agreement on joint projects is near impossible, and as such, for this outstanding community project to go ahead, your support is essential.

I thank you for your time, look forward to your campaigning over the next couple months, and hope that you can secure enough votes from the Flagstaff Community to get you across the line. Direct investment in linking the communities of Flagstaff Hill, Blackwood, Bellevue Heights, Eden Hills and Aberfoyle Park is sure to help.

Kind regards

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Dear Ms Flint

NICOLLE

Thank you for your email to my office on 26 April 2019, regarding technology activation opportunities presented by B - Documents affecting personal affairs and his business, B - Documents affecting personal affairs

Following receipt of your email, I have asked my office to contact Mr B - Documents affecting p to discuss this opportunity, in particular, the services that his business may be able to provide that are of relevance to the development of the Mitcham Hills trail and the Glenthorne loop.

Thank you for advocating on behalf of local South Australian businesses and I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Speirs", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID SPEIRS MP
Minister for Environment and Water

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