

MINUTES

Council meeting 21 July 2026

VENUE:	Council Chamber Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
MEETING COMMENCED:	6.30pm
PRESENT:	Mayor Were (Chair) Cr Bell Cr Davis Cr Eaton Cr Greaves (6.40pm) Cr Jew Cr Platten Cr Pritchard Cr Stafford Cr Themeliotis Cr Yeomans
APOLOGIES:	Cr Fisher
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	-
ABSENT:	-

PLEDGE

We recognise this City's considerable natural and cultural heritage, including thousands of years of traditional ownership by Kaurna, and the more recent contribution from people either born here or who have migrated here. As we meet together, we build on this heritage by respecting and listening to each other, thinking clearly, being receptive to new ideas, speaking honestly, and deciding wisely for the current and future wellbeing of those we serve.

1. Opening of meeting

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

Members read the pledge.

2. Council member declarations of interest

Councillor	Item	Material/General conflict
Pritchard	10.6	General

3. Confirmation of minutes

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That the minutes of the proceedings of the:

- *Council meeting held on 16 June 2026*
- *Special Council meeting held on 25 June 2026*

be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

4. Adjourned business

Nil.

5. Leave of absence

Nil.

6. Mayor's communication

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Winter has arrived

As the season changed with Parliament changing the dates for the next two Council elections, we will not be straying from the course already set in keeping with our Community Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and principles.

The season also began with another successful tree giveaway contributing to our targets and assisting many residents in contributing through a gift grown in our nursery. This a team and inter-generational effort.

The rains and winds have also kept outside crews busy and speedy responses to calls from residents is very much appreciated.

Building resilience in our budget, infrastructure, systems and people combine to help us all get the best value from the investment in our time and resources.

Election Timeline

Throughout the election period, it remains business as usual at the City of Onkaparinga. Councillors will continue to govern, while staff, under the leadership of the CEO, will continue to deliver our strategy and services.

Key election dates include:

Roll close: 5pm Monday 4 January 2027

Nominations open: Tuesday 26 January 2027

Nominations close: 12 noon Tuesday 9 February 2027

Close of voting (Polling Day): 5pm Wednesday 7 April 2027

We have been working through the Local Government Association to ensure our capacity to work on budget processes can continue and be advanced post the April 2027 election. While not ideal, the integrity of the electoral process is critical.

ESCOSA

The Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) has released its schedule for the second four-year cycle of the Local Government Advice Scheme and City of Onkaparinga will be subject to this review in 2027/28 year. Their recommendations and advice informed many of the budgetary measures taken over the past three years to repair and lay solid foundations for continued financial sustainability.

Citizenship Ceremony

On Wednesday 17 June I had the privilege of welcoming 93 new Citizens from 25 different countries at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Hopgood Theatre. Special thanks to local Kaurna leader Susan Roberts for delivering the Greeting to Country. We were also lucky to have the TS Noarlunga Cadets assist with the presentation of gifts, and thank you to Dave Hull for his entertaining performance of some Australian classics.

National General Assembly (NGA) - Canberra

On behalf of City of Onkaparinga, Councillor Heidi Greaves and Jani Baker, Director Strategy, Engagement and Community, attended the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra 23-25 June 2026, which brought together local government representatives from across Australia to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the sector. Here is a summary of some of the key contributions at the 2026 NGA.

Address by the Opposition

The Opposition address was delivered by Senator The Hon Matt Canavan, who acknowledged the sector's growing concerns regarding financial sustainability and the need for increased untied Commonwealth funding. While he stopped short of committing the Coalition to a specific funding position, he recognised that competitive and contestable grant programs do not work effectively for many councils, particularly regional and rural communities.

Senator Canavan also acknowledged the need to review the Local Government Act framework and the broader relationship between councils and the Commonwealth, noting that reform means different things to different stakeholders.

Importantly, he reinforced the critical role local government plays in delivering outcomes for communities, describing councils as the level of government best placed to respond directly to local needs. He expressed support for strengthening local government's voice at the national level, including consideration of a Parliamentary Friends of Local Government group.

Address by the Hon Catherine King MP

The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, outlined the Australian Government's continued focus on supporting local government through infrastructure investment and housing initiatives.

Minister King advised that the Government has initiated a review into the range of funding mechanisms available to councils, with a particular focus on understanding how existing programs can better support local government.

She highlighted the success of the Roads to Recovery program and noted the Government's commitment to ongoing investment in active transport infrastructure, recognising the importance of improving connections between transport hubs, activity centres and local communities.

In relation to Financial Assistance Grants, Minister King confirmed that indexation will continue and that the Government has no intention of freezing grant indexation. However, she indicated there are currently no plans to increase the Commonwealth's overall contribution through the Financial Assistance Grants program.

A significant focus of the Minister's address was housing. She emphasised the Commonwealth's priority of increasing housing supply and improving liveability through investment in enabling and community infrastructure. Councils were encouraged to consider innovative housing models and partnerships, including opportunities to leverage council-owned land to facilitate affordable housing outcomes.

The Minister also acknowledged concerns regarding cost shifting, while noting that responsibilities and cost pressures can be transferred between all levels of government.

Financial Sustainability and Emergency Motion

Following the Minister's address, Australian Local Government Association President, Mayor Matt Burnett, spoke passionately about the growing financial pressures facing councils across metropolitan, regional, rural and remote Australia.

Mayor Burnett highlighted that financial sustainability is the sector's most pressing challenge, noting that councils are increasingly expected to deliver more services and infrastructure with limited revenue growth and funding certainty. He stressed that when councils are unable to invest in local infrastructure, productivity, liveability and community wellbeing suffer. He further reinforced that effective long-term planning can only occur when long-term funding arrangements are in place.

The Assembly subsequently endorsed an emergency motion calling on the Australian Government to provide an immediate increase in untied funding for local government through a stronger Financial Assistance Grants program. Delegates from Australia's 538 councils united in support of a fairer funding partnership with the Commonwealth, recognising that councils are facing increasing responsibilities and escalating costs while delivering essential community infrastructure and services.

This emergency motion built on sector advocacy that had already gathered momentum through support of the City of Onkaparinga's 2025 National General Assembly motion, which called for Financial Assistance Grants to be restored to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue and for an additional one-off payment of \$3 billion to address the historic practice of paying grants in advance.

Keynote Address – Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia

A highlight of the Assembly was the address by Her Excellency Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia.

The Governor-General spoke about the importance of leading with care, kindness and respect, and reflected on the increasing pressures facing communities and the governments

that serve them. She acknowledged that local governments are continually being asked to do more with less, while responding to disasters, social challenges and community trauma.

Her Excellency recognised local government's unique role in building resilience, strengthening social cohesion and fostering connection within communities. She described councils as the most trusted level of government because they remain close to the people they serve and possess a deep understanding of local needs.

The Governor-General also reflected on the challenges posed by declining trust in institutions, increasing social division and the spread of misinformation. She encouraged leaders to respond with clarity, compassion and optimism, highlighting the important role councils play in promoting inclusion, participation and community wellbeing.

Encouragingly, she noted a growing interest among younger Australians in civic participation and public life and emphasised the importance of recognising and celebrating community builders through Australia's honours system.

Projects update

Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Projects

This planting season more than 22,000 native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and groundcovers will be planted for both Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery projects (17,000 at Sauerbier and Homestead Creek and 5,000 at Serpentine and Panalatinga Creeks). The Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Projects are funded through the Australian Government's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, with \$1.83 million allocated to the Sauerbier and Homestead Creek projects, and \$5 million allocated to the Panalatinga and Serpentine Creek projects.

The selected plant species are endemic to the areas and have been chosen to improve habitat for native wildlife, enhance water quality, increase shade and cooling, and improve local amenity. Planting during winter will support seedling establishment ahead of creek rehabilitation works planned for summer. These native seedlings will be planted away from the creek bed and banks and will complement future works currently under design. Additional planting will also occur during next year's planting season in winter 2027.

To promote the project and encourage community involvement in delivering these important environmental outcomes, two community planting days were planned to provide an opportunity for local residents and community groups to participate in habitat restoration activities. A total of 2,200 plants will be planted during the community planting days. The first planting day was held on 9 July 2025 at Sauerbier Creek, and the second will be held on 25 July 2026 at Serpentine Creek. Participants are required to register for the events via Eventbrite through the project's Your Say page: [Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Project | Your Say Onkaparinga](#).

Port Noarlunga Bowling Club

Works have been completed at the Port Noarlunga Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club to improve accessibility, amenity and building condition. The key works included refurbishment of the clubroom toilet facilities to meet current building code requirements, and installation of disability compliant access between the clubhouse and bowling greens including automatic doors and level landings. Other works undertaken through the project included partial recladding of the western and southern building elevations, renewal of the security system, air-conditioning and heating upgrades. The completed works enhance accessibility, improve the condition and functionality of the facility, and support its ongoing use by club members and the community.

Elected Member Representation

Thank you to Cr Lauren Jew for representing me at:

- Children and Young People's Roundtable

Thank you to Cr Marisa Bell for representing me at:

- All Abilities Dance Performance

Thank you to Deputy Mayor Michael Fisher for representing me at:

- SANFL Chairman's Match Day function

Thank you to Cr Heidi Greaves for representing me at:

- National General Assembly Canberra

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- Catalyst Foundation networking function
- Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley Changeover Dinner
- Southern Tigers Basketball Association home game
- Junction Tonsley Official Opening
- Community planting day
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community NAIDOC week lunch

Mayor's calendar 15 June to 19 July 2026

June	
15	Elder Abuse Awareness Session
	Refugee Week Art Project Exhibition
	LGA Board special meeting
16	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and CEO
	Meeting with community Theatre group
	Fleurieu Women in Business event
	Pre-Council meeting
	Meeting with staff
	Meeting of Council
17	LGA Board meeting
	Senate Selection Committee on Intergenerational Housing Inequity
	Ward Councillor briefing
	Citizenship Ceremony
18	Informant interview on algal bloom recovery
	LGA Board workshop
19	Private Citizenship Ceremony
	First Nations Women Artists Exhibition
22	Business networking function – Economic Development Team
24	Launch of "The Betta Breakfast" Social Enterprise – Orange Basket Cafe
	Meetings with staff
25	Meeting with Mayor City of Marion
	Meetings with staff

	Meeting of Special Council
26	LGA President's Webinar
	Meeting with Member for Kaurna and members of Southern District Cricket Association and Dept of Sport and Recreation
28	Community Tree Giveaway
	Humanity First Australia Annual Winter Hampers distribution
29	LGA – GAROC meeting with LGA staff
30	Radio ABC interview
	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and CEO
	Meetings with staff
	Meeting with school representatives
	Meeting with Onkaparinga Youth Committee member
July	
1	Visit to Southern Vales Compassion Cafe
2	Meeting with Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Pilgrim School Musical
3	Tribe FM radio interview
	Meeting with Member for Hurtle Vale
	Meeting with resident
4	Community gathering - Dinton Farm Reserve Dog Park
5	Meeting with CEO Adelaide Festivals Guest lecture – University of Adelaide MBA program
7	Meetings with staff
7	Elected Member session
8	McLaren Vale Business Association Networking event
9	Coast FM radio interview
13	LGA GAROC meeting
14	Pre-Council meeting
	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor
	Meetings with staff
	Volunteer recognition of service celebration
	Elected Member session
15	Meeting with Director Group
15	Meeting with local business
17	SFL NAIDOC Round event

Deputy Mayor's calendar 15 June to 19 July 2026

June	
15	Elder Abuse Awareness Session
16	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
	Meeting of Council

17	Citizenship Ceremony
18	Meeting with CEO and Councillors
25	Meeting of Special Council
26	CEO tour of Pimpala Ward
27	SANFL Chairman's Match Day event
30	Meeting with Mayor and CEO
July	
7	Elected Member session
14	Elected Member session
17	CEO tour of Pimpala Ward cont'd

Correspondence

Incoming		
Att 1	Renewal SA	Advocacy for rezoning of Lot 400 Aldinga (the "Green Triangle") to "Recreation"
Att 2	Ombudsman SA	Complaints regarding the treatment of council legal advice to all councils
Att 3	Minister for Emergency Management	Proposed reforms to Australia's Disaster Management System
Outgoing		
Att 4	Minister for Housing and Urban Development	Growth and serviced land supply in the City of Onkaparinga
Att 5	Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee	Submission: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme for Packaging (No Time to Waste) Bill 2026
Att 6	PIRSA	Submission: SA Agribusiness Food & Wine Workforce Strategy

Thank you.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

MOVED Cr Davis.

1. *That Council note the 21 July 2026 Mayor's report.*
2. *That the additional correspondence emailed to members regarding:*
 - *the Saltfleet Street Bridge (Attachment 1)*
 - *Long term vehicle storage on public roads (Attachment 2)**be noted and attached to the minutes of this meeting.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

7. Presentations

7.1 PRESENTATION – SENIOR CONSTABLE JASON THIELE, SA POLICE RE E-BIKES AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES (PMDS)

Jason Thiele gave a presentation in relation to e-bikes and Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs).

Cr Greaves entered the meeting at 6.40pm.

8. Deputations

Nil.

9. Presentation by Committee chairpersons and reports to Council by Council Committees

Nil.

10. Reports of officers

10.1 SUBMISSION - REVIEW OF PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES AND E-BIKES

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council endorses the City of Onkaparinga submission to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Review of Personal Mobility Devices and e-bikes (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments if required prior to lodgement.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 NOARLUNGA AQUATIC CENTRE - BUDGET UPDATE AND ZERO-DEPTH SPLASH PAD

MOVED Cr Jew.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the status update within the report.*
- 2. Approves the use of up to \$1.5 million of approved project funding to deliver an outdoor zero depth water play/splash pad area as part of the project.*
- 3. Notes the use of the Community Energy Upgrade Fund grant and Council funds to deliver a Battery Energy Storage System to reduce ongoing energy costs within the facility.*

Seconded by Cr Davis.

The MOTION was CARRIED on the Mayor's casting vote.

10.3 SUBMISSION TO THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2026 REVIEW OF CEO REMUNERATION

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That the Council retrospectively endorses Administration's submission, provided to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia on 26 June 2026, in response to the 2026 Review of Annual Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers. as included in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

10.4 UPDATE REPORT REVOCATION OF PORTION OF LAND LOCATED AT 2 ROOPENA STREET O'SULLIVAN BEACH

MOVED Cr Platten.

That for the portion of Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) 126 in Deposited Plan 9001 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5740 Folio 41 and bordered in blue on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- 1. Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Having considered the submissions received, resolves to proceed with the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification and approves a request to the Minister for Local Government for revocation approval, enabling Council to undertake an open market Expression of Interest process focussed on potential educational and/or childcare uses of the site.*
- 3. That an update report be presented to Council once the Minister's decision regarding the proposed revocation is received.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 UPDATE REPORT ON REVOCATION OF LAND LOCATED AT HOPKINS COURT WOODCROFT

MOVED Cr Davis.

That for the portion of Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) in Deposited Plan 28038 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5370 Folio 783 and bordered in blue on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

- 1. Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report in Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Having considered the submissions received, resolves to proceed with the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification and approves a request to the Minister for Local Government for revocation approval.*
- 3. Notes that a final update report will be presented to Council with the decision of the Minister for Local Government on the proposed revocation, to enable finalisation of the revocation process.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION OF ALLOTMENT 506 LURLINE BOULEVARD SELICKS BEACH

Cr Pritchard declared a general conflict of interest as Captain of the McLaren Vale CFS and has a relationship with the Sellicks Beach CFS. Cr Pritchard indicated that he would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter and chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Platten.

That for the Council owned land described as Allotment (Reserve) 506 in Deposited Plan 65801 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5925 Folio 822 (the subject land) and bordered in red on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. *Declares that the community land is 'in principle' surplus to requirements and potentially suitable for disposal to the Minister for Emergency Services for the construction of a new CFS Station.*
2. *Approves the commencement of the revocation process to revoke the community land classification, including undertaking public consultation in accordance with the provisions of subsection 194(2) of the Local Government Act 1999.*
3. *Subject to a successful revocation process, approves the disposal method in accordance with Council's Acquisition and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999, at current market value, as assessed by an independent licenced land valuer, with all costs to be borne by the purchaser, and the net proceeds contributing towards the annual revenue target to be raised from the sale of surplus assets as per the Long-Term Financial Plan and Budget.*
4. *Requests that a further report be presented following completion of the public consultation process, incorporating a summary of submissions received and feedback provided, to enable Council to determine whether the revocation process should proceed or cease.*
5. *Approves that, as a condition of any eventual relocation from the existing Sellicks CFS station site at Fontaine Drive, the Minister for Emergency Services must, at its sole cost, undertake the demolition and removal of all buildings, structures, improvements, and associated infrastructure, and remediate the site to Council's satisfaction, including addressing any environmental contamination or other impacts arising from the use of the land. Such works must be completed immediately upon vacating the site, or within a timeframe approved by Council.*

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Pritchard voted for the motion.

10.7 CLUB ENQUIRY PROCESS TRIAL UPDATE

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council notes:

1. *The Club Enquiry Process trial has been completed with the following outcomes:*
 - *Improved customer experience for sporting clubs through clearer information, improved self-service and a more consistent enquiry pathway.*
 - *Positive feedback from sporting clubs and Elected Members.*
 - *Elected Member enquiries on behalf of sporting clubs have reduced and sporting club enquiries self-serve has increased.*
2. *That next steps will involve implementation of a permanent solution with no external process change for sporting clubs.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 2025-26 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW OUTCOMES

MOVED Cr Platten.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the feedback received through the Community Engagement Review engagement process as detailed in the Engagement Feedback Report – refer Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Approves the draft Community Engagement Policy – refer Attachment 2 to the agenda report.*
- 3. Approves the draft Community Engagement Framework – refer Attachment 3 to the agenda report.*
- 4. Notes that implementation of the Community Engagement Framework outcomes will occur through supporting procedures, tools, templates and continuous improvement initiatives.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 2026 BEACHSIDE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL EVENT EVALUATION

MOVED Cr Platten.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the 2026 Beachside Food and Wine Festival Post Event Evaluation Report outlined in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Approves that the future event delivery options for the Beachside Food and Wine Festival will be to continue delivering the event with a similar footprint to 2025 within the existing budget allocation (\$56,073 in 2026-27 and indexed annually in line with the Long Term Financial Plan indexation assumptions), unless external funding can be sourced to allow for expanded event options.*

Seconded by Cr Pritchard.

CARRIED

10.10 INFORMATION INTEGRITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

MOVED Cr Davis.

That Council:

- Notes the recommendations of the [Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy](#) (as detailed in Attachment 3 to the agenda report).*
- Recognises the importance of reliable, evidence-based information in supporting informed community participation and sound public policy.*
- Reaffirms its commitment to evidence-based decision-making in relation to climate adaptation, environmental sustainability, resilience and energy matters.*
- Acknowledges the objectives of the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change and supports efforts to strengthen access to accurate and trustworthy climate information.*
- Advocate for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the Local Government Association South Australia (LGA SA) to prioritise seeking greater support for local government in responding to information integrity challenges, encouraging advocacy to the Federal Government to endorse the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

10.11 CITY OF ONKAPARINGA AWARDS POLICY REVIEW

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That the City of Onkaparinga Awards Policy provided at attachment 1 to the agenda report be adopted.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS QUARTERLY REVIEW

MOVED Cr Pritchard.

That Council receive and note the agenda report relating to items held in confidence.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.13 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council note the agenda report and Reporting Schedule (attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Questions on notice

11.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE – CR GREAVES – CWMS PETITION

What is the current status of the CWMS Petition?

The Petition was delivered to Nick Champion, MP, some 16 months ago.

Response

The CWMS petition was delivered to the Hon Nick Champion MP, as the Minister responsible for SA Water, in February 2025 with a request that it be tabled in Parliament.

In February 2026, Minister Champion wrote to Council acknowledging receipt of the CWMS petition. The Minister's office has since confirmed that the Minister does not intend to table the petition in Parliament.

The Minister's [letter](#) advises of a review of metropolitan CWMS schemes to be undertaken by the South Australian Government. We have recently been contacted by the consultant engaged to undertake the review requesting information on our CWMS.

Further updates on the review will be provided via :

- the [advocacy page](#) within the CWMS section of Onkaparingacity.com
- the [CWMS petition project page](#) on Your Say Onkaparinga.

11.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – MATTRESS DUMPING

Could staff please provide the following information regarding reports of dumped mattresses across the City of Onkaparinga from 1 January 2024 to the most recent available date in 2026:

1. *How many mattress dumping reports were received by Council in:*

- 2024 - 728
- 2025 - 942
- 2026 to date? – 429

*These do not reflect the actual numbers of illegal dumping mattresses collected just request numbers.

2. *Can the reports be broken down by ward, where available?*

	2024	2025	2026 (Jan-Jun)
Knox	148	188	71
Mid Coast	229	259	114
Pimpala	58	73	32
South Coast	88	99	68
Southern Vales	171	276	123
Thalassa	32	47	21
TOTAL	728	942	429

3. *What was the average response time between a mattress dumping report being received and the mattress being collected or otherwise addressed?*

The average response time between an illegally dumped mattress being reported and being collected is approximately 5-10 business days.

Reported mattresses are generally inspected as part of Council's scheduled illegal dumping inspection program. Where the mattress remains following inspection, it is referred for collection as part of the next scheduled collection run. Scheduled reactive and proactive illegal dumping collections occur three times per week, servicing the northern, central and southern zones of the city. Response times may vary depending on operational priorities, public safety considerations and staff availability.

4. *What was the estimated cost to Council of responding to mattress dumping reports in each year?*

The estimated annual cost to council collecting and disposing of illegally dumped mattresses is approximately \$16,000. In comparison before we transitioned to user pay the annual budget for mattress collection and recycling including illegally dumped mattresses cost ratepayers \$260,000 per annum.

5. *How many reports resulted in any compliance action, investigation, warning, fine or other enforcement outcome?*

All reports of illegally dumped mattresses are investigated by Council.

Due to the nature of illegal dumping, enforcement action can only be pursued where sufficient evidence is available to identify a responsible person. Evidence such as CCTV footage, witness information or other identifiable information is generally required to support compliance action.

Illegal dumping matters are enforced under the offence of General Littering under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016. The legislation does not differentiate between waste types, and expiation notices therefore cannot be broken down to identify those relating specifically to mattresses.

The number of expiation notices issued for illegal dumping offences is as follows:

- 2022–23 - 33
- 2023–24 - 23
- 2024–25 - 40
- 2025–26 - 33

No prosecutions have been undertaken in relation to illegal dumping matters during this period.

6. *Does Council currently record whether dumped mattresses are reported via Snap Send Solve, customer request, elected member enquiry, staff observation or other reporting channels?*

The 436 requests received in 2026 have been reported via the following methods

Correspondence	1
Counter	17
Email	25
Internal	55
MyLocal	40
Phone	151
Snap Send Solve	76
Website	71

7. *What education, prevention or enforcement measures are currently in place to reduce illegal mattress dumping?*

Council undertakes a range of prevention and response activities to reduce illegal dumping, including:

- Undertaking programmed proactive weekly inspections of known illegal dumping hotspots.
- Installing signage in identified areas to discourage illegal dumping behaviours
- Investigating reports of illegally dumped mattresses and other materials where sufficient information is available
- Removing illegally dumped mattresses to maintain community amenity.
- Scheduled reactive and proactive illegal dumping collections occurring three times per week across the northern, central and southern zones of the city
- Deploying covert CCTV surveillance in problematic locations, in collaboration with Council's Asset Protection and Community Safety teams
- Applying Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles at problematic locations, including access barriers, tree pruning, additional lighting and CCTV
- Engaging Repay SA to undertake programmed litter collection and the removal of dumped rubbish along established routes

Council is also commencing an illegal dumping education campaign from August 2026, which will focus on raising community awareness, promoting responsible disposal behaviours and encouraging residents to use appropriate disposal options.

8. *Has Council considered any changes to hard waste, mattress collection, public education or enforcement practices to reduce the number of dumped mattresses?*

Council regularly reviews its waste services, illegal dumping trends and operational processes to identify opportunities to improve service outcomes and reduce illegal dumping.

The last report presented to council on this subject outside of the budget and Annual Business Plan process was on 14 October 2025

9.6 *Waste Disposal Subsidy Options*

That Council:

1. *Notes the development of an educational campaign for FY25-26 aimed at reducing illegal dumping in the City of Onkaparinga by changing perceptions of risk, reinforcing social norms, and making legitimate disposal easier and clearer.*
 2. *Notes that Acting Mayor Jew wrote to the Local Government Association (LGA) enquiring what support the LGA can provide to help the sector address the challenges of illegal dumping and requesting that LGA undertake a survey of councils to assess the sector wide costs associated with the issue.*
 3. *Notes the continuation of the current hard waste collection service which includes up to two free collections per rateable property annually allowing for a maximum of 2 cubic metres of material per collection.*
9. *Are there any particular barriers preventing Council from reducing mattress dumping, including cost, contractor capacity, enforcement limitations, or difficulties identifying offenders?*

The primary barrier in addressing illegal dumping is the general acceptance that it is ok and someone else will clean it up. The illegal dumping campaign commencing August 2026 is designed as requested to change the perceptions of risk, reinforcing social norms and making legitimate disposal easier and clearer.

As we witnessed prior to the transition to user pay mattress collections, hundreds of reported illegally dumped mattresses were received each year, this indicates that cost is not the only barrier we need to overcome.

Enforcement including the identification of offenders can be challenging, however these requirements are in place to ensure only those offenders caught in the act can be held to account.

10. *Council currently provides residents with two free hard waste collections per financial year. Has Council considered allowing residents to exchange one hard waste collection for a mattress collection, and if so, what would be the estimated budget impact of such a change?*

Council's previous resolution in October 2025 was to continue the current hard waste collection service so further changes have not been reviewed in detail.

Should council wish to make such a change further assessment is required to model the operational, social, environmental and financial impact of such change, this would then need to come back to council for consideration.

11. *How much has illegal dumping cost council during 2025/26 financial year?*

The cost associated with Council's illegal dumping service during the 2025/26 financial year was \$434,583 (\$16,000 of this relates to mattresses). This figure is all inclusive, covering vehicle use, employee salaries and wages, operational overheads and associated contracted services, including Correctional Services support, tyre collection and disposal and asbestos removal.

11.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – CAT MANAGEMENT

1. *A timeline of actions taken by Council in relation to cat management advocacy during this Council term including any letters, submissions, motions, resolutions or representations made to the State Government, Local Government Association, Dog and Cat Management Board, or other relevant bodies.*

4 Nov 2022	On 4 October 2022 the Dog and Cat Management Board released its Draft Review of the Dog and Cat Management Act for consultation with councils, RSPCA, AWL and vets. Communication with the review noted ‘As councils are in caretaker mode, feedback is sought from council operational staff through this phase. Should there be subsequent legislation amendments made (possibly in 2023) there will be opportunity for elected members to be engaged’. Our submission, dated 4 November 2022 indicated: <i>Council is supportive of a state-wide approach to cat management and has been advocating to the Board for such an approach for some time.</i> <i>It is pleasing to see that the review considers all of the issues we have been raising, including a state-wide approach to cat management, clarification of registration requirements for cats, the removal of barriers to cat registration fees, the containment of owned cats, the detention and return of owned cats, and options for unowned cats.</i> <i>As we have previously advised, any amendments to the Act or Regulations must also consider the likely effectiveness of the legislation and its impact on cat owners and councils as the enforcement agency. Impacts include the regulatory cost of administering the legislation and cat owner compliance costs.</i> <i>Unintended adverse consequences also need to be considered, for example whether amendments prompt an increase in surrendered cats and the cost of receiving, caring for and rehoming or disposing of more cats.</i> <i>We welcome the opportunity for further consultation on this matter as proposed amendments of the Act/Regulations are developed.</i>
13 Dec 2022	Questions on Notice were answered in Council's Agenda Report pertaining to cat containment and the Dog and Cat Management Board's draft consultation Review of the Dog and Cat Management Act. Answers were also provided to the process of having an Elected Member appointed to the Dog and Cat Management Board.
7 Dec 2023	Acting CEO wrote to the LGA about the review of the Dog and Cat Management Act including our priority areas of reform including fair retention of dog registration fees and a statewide approach to cat management. Acting CEO wrote to Hon Minister Close MP welcoming the review of the Dog and Cat Management Act and identifying our priority areas for reform, including a statewide approach to cat management.

21 May 2024	Notice of Motion resolved by Council that Council conducts a YourSay consultation survey to determine community support for the introduction of 24hr cat confinement laws/curfew by-laws in our City and for the results to be included in council's submission to consultation on Dog and Cat Management Act review.
18 Jun 2024	Council Report – Draft Submission on the Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Amendment Bill. The report observed council's advocacy priority is a statewide approach to cat management, and the amendment Bill fails to address registration requirements for cats, barriers to councils setting cat registration fees, requiring containment of owned cats or address detention and return of owned cats, and options for unowned cats. Submission - Council carried the recommendation that the draft submission be endorsed, and the submission was made to the Department for Environment and Water, and LGA. Questions on Notice were also received in relation to rules for cats - noting there is no limit on how many cats can be kept under the Dog and Cat Management Act. Informal questions were received and responded to in relation to the Draft Submission and whether it presents an opportunity to limit the number of cats that can be kept under the Act.
1 Jul 2024	Letter from DEW inviting feedback on the proposed changes to Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill
9 Jul 2024	The Dog and Cat Management Board introduced a new initiative 'Roam to home' to assist cat owners to bring their roaming pets inside, complementing their existing resource 'Good cats play at home'.
10 Jul 2024	DEW launched consultation on yourSAY 'Clarifying current cat management laws'.
16 Jul 2024	Council report – Cat Management Review. In response to the NOM carried on 21 May 2024 Council resolved to survey the community to determine support for the introduction of 24hr cat confinement laws. Informal questions were received in relation to the report regarding the estimated number of cats living in the Onkaparinga Council area and suggested amount for registering a cat.
23 Jul 2024	EM Session – Cat Management. Members were presented with the proposed amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Act and council's position on cat management, before a submission was prepared.
4 Sep 2024	Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water published a media release titled 'War on feral cats: report from the battlefield' and pending update of the Feral Cat Threat Abatement Plan.

17 Sep 2024	Council report – Submission on the Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill. Notice of Motion, resolved by Council that the Mayor write to the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Hon Tanya Plibersek, in support of much needed reform to address feral cats.
18 Sep 2024	Council's endorsed submission on the Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill was sent to DEW. Council's submission in relation to cat management included in part, that the scope of amendments is too narrow. A more comprehensive review of the Act is required to consider a state-wide approach to the management of cats, specifically the question of containment, seizure of identified cats and whether an offence should exist for owners of cats found wandering at large.
20 Sep 2024	Acting Mayor wrote to Hon Susan Close MP providing a copy of Council's submission on the Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill and Council's community engagement project to understand our community's sentiment on cat management, and resolve to write to the Federal Government in support of much needed reform to address cat management.
20 Sep 2024 13 Oct 2024	Community consultation on Cat Management was undertaken via Your Say Onkaparinga. The survey aided council's understanding of community preference of the role the council should play in cat management. The majority of support was received for ongoing education campaigns for responsible cat ownership, followed by advocacy for a statewide approach, and then a cat by-law.
30 Sep 2024	Hon Susan Close MP wrote to the Mayor and CEO raising concerns about compliance action in relation to dog attack incidents and inviting input into further amendments to the Bill or other matters we would like to raise.
9 Oct 2024	The Mayor wrote to Hon Susan Close MP to suggest further amendments to the Dog and Cat Management (Breeder Reforms) Bill - making it clear that the key amendments Council is seeking is for the fair retention of dog registration income and a statewide approach to cat management.
15 Oct 2024	The Mayor wrote to Minister Plibersek in support of a national plan for much needed reform to address feral cats which complements our encouraging cat containment, and advocacy for a statewide approach to cat management.
18 Oct 2024	Hon Susan Close MP replied to Acting Mayor including advice that the Dog and Cat Management Board has conducted research on community sentiment regarding cats in 2022 and 2024 and has published the findings on Data SA.
10 Dec 2024	Council report – Cat Management Survey Feedback Report. Results received by council and disseminated to Minister Close and State MPs in our City, informing them of the community feedback to deliver a statewide approach to cat management.

11 Dec 2024	The Mayor wrote to the Hon Susan Close MP regarding the outcomes of our community engagement, sharing a copy of the feedback report, and indicating council's willingness to work with DEW and the Dog and Cat Management Board on further research to inform cat management. The letter was copied to local MPs, the Department for Environment and Water and the Dog and Cat Management Board.
3 Jan 2025	The Department for Environment and Water wrote to the CEO informing of the development of a statewide cat management strategy for South Australia and inviting a representative from the City of Onkaparinga to participate on their Stakeholder Reference Group. Ian Hawkins was nominated and attended meetings of the Reference Group and workshops with the Steering Committee between January and June 2025.
21 Jan 2025	Questions on Notice were answered in Council's Agenda Report seeking an update on consultation results of the Department for Environment and Water's survey on the draft Dog and Cat Management (Cat Management) Amendment Bill and commitment for a statewide cat management strategy.
17 Jun 2025	Notice of Motion, resolved by Council to write to the Minister for Environment and Water and the Minister for Local Government to congratulate the State Government on its progress towards a Statewide Cat Management Strategy and reaffirming Council's support for responsible cat management and legislative and policy reform to support effective implementation of the Strategy.
27 Jun 2025	The Mayor wrote to the Hon Susan Close MP following Council's resolution of 17 June 2025 expressing our appreciation of the Government's progress toward the development of a Statewide Cat Management Strategy, and welcoming the Strategy's development following our advocacy and understanding that the draft Strategy will be consulted on in the middle of the year.
17 Feb 2026	Council received a report on proposed amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Regulations. Council endorsed a submission that continues to advocate for a statewide approach to cat management and highlights the need for appropriate legislative alignment and funding mechanisms to improve cat management. Council's submission was made to the Department for Environment and Water on 19 February 2026. Informal questions were received and responded to in relation to the above report, including questions about council's advocacy for a statewide cat management strategy and investment in community education around responsible cat ownership.
5 May 2026	CEO wrote to Hon Emily Bourke MP, seeking update on matters relating to dog and cat management particularly progress of Statewide Cat Management Strategy. Followed up 18 June 2026, response pending.

2. *Details of any meetings, briefings or correspondence between Council and State Government representatives, MPs, agencies or peak bodies regarding cat management.*
3. *Any advocacy undertaken in relation to statewide cat management reform, including cat containment, responsible cat ownership, education campaigns, breeder registration, desexing, microchipping, or enforcement powers.*

See answer to question 1 above.

4. *Any current or planned advocacy actions in relation to cat management.*
5. *Whether staff are aware of any opportunities for Council to further advocate for stronger, clearer or more consistent cat management laws across South Australia.*

Council's current advocacy is for a Statewide Cat Management Strategy which has been prepared in draft form by the Department for Environment and Water and was due for consultation last year before the then Minister, Hon Susan Close MP resigned. The draft Strategy was the result of research and insights from stakeholders, including councils, animal shelter, protection and welfare organisations, animal rights advocates, environmental groups and researchers and academics. Its development followed the strong advocacy City of Onkaparinga has demonstrated in this space, particularly Council's submissions in response to proposed amendments to the *Dog and Cat Management Act*. The City of Onkaparinga was represented on the working group that developed the draft Strategy along with our provider of shelter services, the RSPCA SA. Both of our organisations are keen to see the Strategy progress.

The CEO wrote to the new Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Hon Emily Bourke MP, on 5 May this year seeking an update on the progress of the Statewide Cat Management Strategy and made a follow up enquiry on 18 June. A response is yet to be received, but progressing the work already undertaken to date is still considered the most appropriate next step for stronger, clearer, and more consistent cat management laws in South Australia.

11.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – ADVOCACY ON STATE MANAGED ROADS

1. *Could Administration please provide dot-point summary of the advocacy undertaken during the current term of Council in response to community concerns about congestion, delays and safety on the following state-managed roads and intersections:*
 - *Black Road, Flagstaff Hill*
 - *Main Road, Coromandel Valley*
 - *Main South Road Seafood Road / Victor Harbor Road Intersections involving Robinson Road*
 - *Saltfleet Street Bridge, Port Noarlunga*
2. *Details of any correspondence, meetings, submissions or other representations made to the relevant State Government ministers, departments or agencies regarding these locations?*
3. *Details of any responses or project updates Council has received following this advocacy, including the status of any outstanding correspondence?*

Response to Q1, 2 & 3

Please find below a dot point list of formal correspondence, meeting dates and other advocacy efforts, noting that more informal meetings, conversations, emails and other information is also exchanged between staff of relevant departments.

Black Road, Flagstaff Hill

- March 2025 - Advocacy information sent to Senator McLachlan specifically in relation to the development of a shared use path.
- August 2025 - Council's Advocacy Plan 2025-26 (Iteration 3) included the following two items relating to Black Road:
 - Request for red light/speed camera at the pedestrian crossing on Black Road outside of Flagstaff Hill Primary School (no known commitment).
 - Request for funding to deliver a shared use path along Black Road, Flagstaff Hill adjacent to Happy Valley Reservoir. Council advocacy led to a \$1.2 million funding commitment from the state government via the Member for Davenport, Erin Thompson MP in the lead up to the 2026 South Australian state election.
- 12 March 2026 - Council administration forwarded correspondence from Cr Marion Themeliotis to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) regarding the surface quality of Black Road, Flagstaff Hill adjacent to Happy Valley Reservoir.
- 22 April 2026 - Response received from DIT acknowledging that areas of the road are showing signs of deterioration and that it has been identified as a future priority for surface renewal. Works have not yet been scheduled due to other network priorities, therefore in the meantime DIT will continue to undertake routine repairs to ensure to ensure the road is maintained in a safe condition.
- 13 May 2026 - Council administration forwarded correspondence from Cr Marion Themeliotis to DIT regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Black Road and Ridgway Drive, Flagstaff Hill. No response from DIT has yet been received.
- Currently awaiting a response to correspondence referred to in the dot point above from DIT regarding intersection of Black Road and Ridgway Drive.

Main Road, Coromandel Valley

- February 2022 - Onkaparinga CEO wrote to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport regarding pedestrian crossing opportunities and requesting the speed limit along Main Road be reviewed.
- March 2023 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote to DIT CEO requesting DIT considers the installation of pedestrian crossing infrastructure along Main Road as part of DITs 'Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package'.
- April 2023 - Response received from DIT CEO advising of the upcoming 'Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package' and noting that the request for pedestrian crossings on Main Road will be considered against other improvements being delivered as part of the project.
- July 2023 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote a further letter to DIT CEO regarding the 'Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package' and the scope of these works.
- September 2023 - Response received from DIT CEO reiterating that the request for pedestrian crossings on Main Road has been forwarded to the 'Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package' project team and will be considered as part of the planning for the road corridor upgrades.

- August 2024 - Meeting with Catherine Hutchesson, Member for Waite, Mayor Were and then Onkaparinga CEO Phu Nguyen to discuss Council's advocacy plan and key Waite priorities including safety upgrades to Main Road including safety barriers, road widening, pathways and safe crossings.
- October 2024 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote to DIT CEO reiterating that the installation of pedestrian crossing infrastructure along Main Road be considered as part of the 'Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package'.
- December 2024 – Notice of Motion from Cr Eaton requesting Mayor to write to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport requesting DIT complete a study of Main Road which assesses pedestrian safety and opportunities for improvement along the road corridor including footpaths, bridge widening, pedestrian crossings and indented bus bays.
- January 2025 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport as per above dot point.
- March 2025 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport suggesting numerous potential pedestrian crossing upgrades and requesting approval for the delivery of the project and technical advice from DIT regarding options.
- May 2025 - Onkaparinga Mayor wrote to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport reiterating Council's preference to work collaboratively with DIT to improve pedestrian safety along Main Road.
- August 2025 - Council's Advocacy Plan 2025-26 (Iteration 3) included a request for the state government to improve the safety of Main Road, Coromandel Valley, including safety barriers, road widening and safe crossings.
- September 2025 - Letter from Minister for Infrastructure and Transport advising a new Pedestrian Actuated Crossing at Coromandel Primary School, which will replace the existing Koala Crossing, reducing the speed limit on Main Road to 50km/h (completed) and investigating a proposed pedestrian refuge near the Coromandel Shopping Centre (at the bakery and Oakdene Crescent).
- December 2025 – Questions on Notice from Cr Themeliotis regarding speed, safety, processes for consultation, signage and future investment on Main Road to 50km /h.

Main South Road Seaford Road / Victor Harbor Road Intersections involving Robinson Road

- 5 June 2023 - Meeting with CEO DIT (Jon Whelan), then Director Operations and Acting Chief Executive Officer to discuss Fleurieu Connections as well as classification of Seaford Road and Robinson Road
- 26 July 2023 - DIT opened consultation on the Main South Road: Southern Expressway to Robinson Road Planning Study, seeking community feedback on what people think about this section of Main South Road, how it is working now and what is needed for the future.
- 29 August 2023 - Council administration provided a submission response to DIT, noting that this section of road is currently the most significant road bottleneck within the City of Onkaparinga and referring to our 'Gateway to the South' advocacy initiative requesting seamless traffic flows between the end of the Southern Expressway and the recently upgraded sections of Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road.
- August 2025 - Council's Advocacy Plan 2025-26 (Iteration 3) included 'Gateway to the South' seeking substantial investment to address the current bottleneck on Main South Road (no known commitment).

- 28 January 2026 - Mayor Were met with the Hon Emily Bourke MP, former Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, to discuss a range of issues including Traffic issues south of the Southern Expressway.
- 27 February 2026- Mayor Were sent a letter to the Hon Emily Bourke MP following up from the meeting to provide further details on the issues discussed.
- 16 June 2026 - Advice received from DIT about engineering survey activities occurring on Main South Road between the end of June to mid-July 2026.
- 29 June 2026 - Council administration responded to DIT's advice about engineering survey activities, seeking any further information about the nature of these investigations.
- We have requested additional update information from DIT regarding the following projects, with no formal updates yet provided:
 - Main South Road - Southern Expressway to Robinson Road Planning Study
 - Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Transport Study.

Saltfleet Street Bridge, Port Noarlunga

- 6 May 2025 - Mayor Were wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, in response to a Notice of Motion raised by former Cr Gretel Wilkes seeking advice on congestion occurring at the Saltfleet Street bridge and the surrounding road network.
- 24 July 2025 - A follow up letter from Mayor Were to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport seeking a response to the previous letter sent 6 May 2026.
- 4 August 2025 - Response letter received from Minister for Infrastructure and Transport indicating that the bridge was upgraded in 2014 to remove a previous 25-tonne load limit and was inspected in 2024 where it was found to be in good condition. In regards to concerns about congestion, reference was made that the current number of lanes on the road and bridge can accommodate traffic volume growth however ongoing planning studies are also being undertaken by DIT to investigate the key issues and opportunities to improve transport in the region.
- 28 January 2026 - Mayor Were met with the Hon Emily Bourke MP, former Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, to discuss a range of issues including congestion at the Saltfleet Street bridge.
- 27 February 2026 - Mayor Were sent a letter to the Hon Emily Bourke MP following up from the meeting to provide further details on the issues discussed.
- 17 July 2026 - Mayor Were sent letter to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport requesting further follow up information about the Saltfleet Street bridge in response to a request raised by Cr Dan Platten.
- We have requested further updates from DIT regarding the following projects, with no formal updates yet provided:
 - Main South Road - Southern Expressway to Robinson Road Planning Study
 - Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Transport Study
 - Beach Road / Dyson Road Duplication Planning Study.

A copy of the latest public version of Council's Advocacy Plan can be obtained from here: <https://www.onkaparingacity.com/Council/Documents>

4. *Advice on Council's process for following up advocacy and correspondence when the responsible minister or ministerial portfolio changes?*
5. *Details of any further advocacy Council has planned for the above roads, intersections and the Saltfleet Street Bridge?*

Response to Questions 4 and 5

Council's advocacy to the state government for state controlled roads operate across multiple channels. A significant proportion of effective advocacy occurs through sustained, structured engagement between council officers and their state counterparts.

The administration track and monitor all formal correspondence sent and received and if timeframes lapse, new advocacy items emerge, or changes occur within the state government, staff follow up through formal correspondence, reminder letters, meeting requests, or other appropriate means.

Where appropriate, Council reports are also written if there is not a clear Council policy position or an Elected Member decision or direction is required.

Staff continue to advocate in response to community concerns about road conditions, safety and congestion on state managed roads and intersections. We will also include updates and new or emerging issues in any future review of advocacy priorities.

11.5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR EATON – LIVE STREAMING

Background

Prior to the June Council meeting elected members received an email from Onkaparinga Council Watch regarding some questions they RAISED regarding the live-streaming of Council meetings. I submitted these questions to be included as a Question on Notice (QoN) for that meeting, but it was submitted after the close off date for QoN.

Onkaparinga Council Watch is seeking a clear public explanation regarding the non-delivery of Council Chambers live streaming.

In their request Onkaparinga Council Watch identify that Council's own 2024-25 budget papers included PID 13111 – Council Chamber Live Streaming. That project was allocated in the 2024–25 budget and was also placed in the Long-Term Financial Plan for 2028–29 for the same amount.

I undertook to re-submit the questions at the July Council meeting following the prescribed process. I am mindful that there is a report scheduled on the live-streaming of Council meetings to be presented at the August Council meeting, but in response to the request from Onkaparinga Council Watch I submit the following questions.

Question 1.

Why was PID 13111 — Council Chambers Live Streaming — allocated in the 2024–25 budget but not delivered?

PID 13111 was originally planned as a standalone project, however the scope for PID 13337 Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber included costs associated with the deployment of live-streaming. As such, PID 13111 was archived.

Question 2.

Why was the same amount also identified in the LTFP for 2028–29?

With the continual evolution of technology, the LTFP identifies a nominal amount of \$500,000, indexed annually for ICT initiatives. This nominal amount is used to fund initiatives which have already been identified (such as hardware upgrades) and emerging technology needs.

Question 3.

Was the 2024–25 allocation spent, carried forward, reallocated, deferred, absorbed into another project, or removed?

PID 13337 *Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber* was budgeted in the 2024-25 financial year however due to resourcing requirements and the finalisation of a report was unable to be delivered. As such, the budget was carried forward to 2025-26 with project delivery currently underway.

Question 4.

Why is the project no longer identifiable in subsequent budget or LTFP documents?

Please see response to Question 2. Individual projects are not identified in the LTFP.

Question 5.

Who authorised or approved the project no longer being separately identifiable?

All projects proposed to be funded through the Project and Capital Works (PCW) process are reviewed and recommended by the category driver, before being presented to Council for consideration.

The draft 2024-25 budget was presented to Council for consideration at its meeting held 16 April 2024. This report included a list of all projects proposed for delivery in 2024-25, including the Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber project.

Question 6.

Was Council formally advised that the project had not been delivered and was no longer identifiable in later financial planning documents?

At its meeting held 16 September 2025 Council considered the Quarterly Finance Report Including Budget Review 4. Attachment 3 of this report included a list of all projects proposed to be carried forward to 2025-26, including the Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade – Chamber project. The recommendations contained within the report, including the approval of budgets to be carried forward were carried.

Question 7.

What oversight did elected members exercise once a budgeted transparency project was not delivered?

Refer to Question 6. The project was identified as a carry forward, to be delivered in 2025-26 through the Quarterly Finance Report Including Budget Review 4, presented to Council in September 2025.

Question 8.

What is the current status, cost and implementation pathway for live streaming?

The total estimated capital cost of the project is \$192,000 (ex GST). The previously provided figure included GST.

The Audio Visual upgrade project is in the final stages of implementation. Procurement, design, planning and the majority of hardware installation and system commissioning activities have been completed. Pending items include new microphones for the Chamber, which have been delayed due to supplier availability. Initial configuration and testing of the new audiovisual infrastructure have been undertaken and the core installation works have been completed.

Ongoing operational support at Council meetings will be provided.

The project established the technical capability required to support livestreaming of Council meetings. A detailed report will be presented to Council at its 18 August 2026 meeting.

Question 9.

When will live streaming of Council meetings commence?

Following a Council resolution to proceed with livestreaming of Special and Ordinary Council meetings, final testing, operational arrangements and governance procedures will be required to be completed to support the delivery of live streamed meetings. It is anticipated livestreaming could commence from September 2026, subject to Council's decision to proceed with livestreaming and the completion of these implementation activities.

Question 10.

Can the Audit Risk Committee meetings return to be recorded and made publicly available?

Council resolved at its meeting on 15 October 2024 to remove the requirement for Audit and Risk Committee meetings to be recorded and have such recordings put on public display.

If Council wishes to reinstate recording of Audit and Risk Committee meetings, a rescission motion would be required, together with relevant amendments to the Code of Practice-proceedings of meetings.

12. Motions on notice

Nil.

13. Petitions

Nil.

14. Urgent business

Nil.

15. Confidential items

15.1 PORT NOARLUNGA JETTY UPDATE

1. Exclusion of the public

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That:

- a. under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(b) information the disclosure of which—

- (i) *could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
- (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*

This report, its attachments and any discussion regarding negotiation strategy are to be considered in confidence as disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to prejudice Council's commercial position or provide a commercial advantage to the State.

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

- a. *That the matter of the Port Noarlunga Jetty Update having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Greaves.

CARRIED

15.2 OUTCOME OF SITE REVIEW AND PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE OVER 10 MEYER ROAD LONSDALE

1. *Exclusion of the public*

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(b) information the disclosure of which—

- (i) *could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
- (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*

The Council is satisfied that it is reasonable to expect that public disclosure or discussion of the information concerning the potential use of the site, in hand with the financial information disclosed in relation to the existing Lease, would provide commercial advantage to another party.

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

- a. *That the matter of Outcome of Site Review and Proposed Extension of Lease over 10 Meyer Road Lonsdale having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) and 90(3)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the end of all current and future contractual arrangements between the parties.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reopened the meeting to the public at 8.24pm.

16. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Certified Correct Chair

/ /2026

17 July 2026
Our ref: 6671155/KS

The Hon Joe Szakacs MP

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
minister.szakacs@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister Szakacs

Saltfleet Street Bridge, Port Noarlunga

This letter follows on from correspondence sent on 6 May 2025 and the subsequent response received from the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, former Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, on 1 August 2025. The correspondence relates to management of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) arterial road network at Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga. Copies of this correspondence have been attached to provide context.

Following the recent severe weather event requiring the emergency closure of this road on Tuesday 2 June 2026, our Mid Coast Ward Councillor Dan Platten received representations from the community seeking updated advice on several issues relating to traffic network accessibility in and around the Port Noarlunga area.

The following queries relate to assets under DIT's care and control and we therefore request a response to these items to inform our Elected Members:

- Advice as to whether further structural integrity assessments of the Saltfleet Street Bridge have been undertaken following the numerous flooding and inundation events occurring since the previous 2024 bridge inspection.
- If further assessments have occurred:
 - The dates they were undertaken.
 - The scope of the assessments.
 - Whether any structural, corrosion or safety concerns were identified.
 - Whether any maintenance, remediation or monitoring actions were recommended or implemented.
- If any consideration is being given towards raising the level of the Saltfleet Street bridge and the adjoining arterial road network, to benefit both DIT and council, by avoiding road closures during flood events potentially reducing the volume of water entering adjacent community facilities such as Jubilee Park and the Wearing Street aquatic precinct.

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If your staff require further information in relation to this request, please contact Morgan Ellingham, Manager Assets and Technical Services on 8384 0666 or mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au and quoting letter reference 8886479.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moira Were". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

Encl - Previous correspondence 6 May 2025 and 1 August 2025
Copy to Elected Members

6 May 2025
Our ref: 6671155/KS



The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
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Minister.Koutsantonis@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister Koutsantonis

Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga - traffic congestion

We are writing to address the issue of traffic congestion on the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) arterial road network at Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga.

The coastal road network, spanning from Dyson Road to Commercial Road and passing through Port Noarlunga township, experiences significant congestion. Key areas affected include the Saltfleet Street bridge and the two roundabouts on Gray Street.

Congestion levels are particularly severe during peak times when incidents on the Southern Expressway or Main South Road result in southbound traffic diverting to this coastal route, leading to extensive delays.

We have previously noted congestion concerns and advocated for improvement on this network via discussions with DIT on the Main South Road: Southern Expressway to Robinson Road Planning Study, Beach Road Duplication Planning Study and the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Transport Study.

At the Council meeting held on 15 April 2025, Council resolved to formally request DIT to provide responses to the following questions:

1. What is the Saltfleet bridge's current level of service and how does this correspond to current expected traffic volume?
2. What is the bridge's design capacity and does the current anticipated average daily traffic exceed this capacity?
3. What is the bridge's current traffic flow efficiency?
4. Have studies been completed that acknowledge the excessive impact to residents during extreme congestion?
5. Has a traffic impact analysis been conducted to assess the Bridge's ability to handle projected traffic growth expected in the next 18- 36 months?

We would appreciate DIT's detailed responses to these questions to help address the ongoing traffic concerns in this area.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moira Were". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Moira" and the last name "Were" clearly distinguishable.

Moira Were AM
Mayor

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Dear Mayor Were

Thank you for your letter dated 6 May 2025 about traffic congestion on Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) advises that Saltfleet Street currently carries approximately 22,800 vehicles per day (including 2.5 per cent commercial vehicles).

Traffic growth is forecast at 0.03 per cent, which means that the current number of lanes on the road and bridge can accommodate this expected traffic volume growth.

Strengthening of the Saltfleet Street bridge was completed in 2014, removing the previous 25-tonne load limit. The bridge has the capacity to carry B-Doubles up to 83.5 tonnes. The bridge was inspected in 2024 and found to be in good condition.

Traffic delays and increased shorter term congestion caused by traffic, weather or other incidents on other roads are less straightforward to plan for, as they are dependent on the location, nature and duration of the incident. They are also influenced by state and local emergency management arrangements activated for the incident. Improving transport network resilience is increasingly a feature of the Department's transport planning.

The Department is undertaking a Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Transport Study, which will investigate the key issues and opportunities to improve transport in the region, which includes consideration of network resilience across the Onkaparinga River. A more targeted planning study is also being undertaken to identify potential prioritised interventions to reduce congestion and improve safety on Main South Road, between the Southern Expressway and Robinson Road.

The Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Transport Study will provide high level recommendations to manage current and future transport demands across the region and its outcomes will inform future funding processes.

Further information about the study is available on the Department's website: www.dit.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road_projects/fleurieu-peninsula-and-kangaroo-island-transport-study.

Yours sincerely


Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Dear Mayor ~~Were~~, *Moira*

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga (Council) requesting the South Australian Government considers a legislative model to enable councils to address long-term vehicle storage on public roads.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Office of Local Government for advice in relation to this matter.

As you are aware, councils hold primary responsibility for determining and enforcing parking controls on their roads. This includes the ability to change and restrict the parking arrangements to discourage long-term vehicle storage on public streets.

Accordingly, it is open to the Council to consider targeted measures such as time limits or access restrictions in locations where long-term parking is creating localised issues. Councils are also authorised to enforce offences under Part 12 of the Australian Road Rules (Restrictions on stopping and parking) made pursuant to the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (RT Act) and to issue expiation notices where appropriate. These provisions give councils considerable authority to address vehicles that obstruct traffic, impede safety, or otherwise present a hazard.

In addition, the *Local Government Act 1999* (LG Act) makes it an offence to abandon a vehicle on a public road or place, and provides councils with clear powers and procedures for removing vehicles left in such locations. I am advised that the RT Act provides both councils and South Australia Police (SAPOL) with powers to manage unattended, broken down or obstructive vehicles.

There is nothing in the LG Act that prevents councils from developing their own individual policies outlining how they will manage long-term parking under the RT Act, or vehicles left or abandoned on a public road within the council's area.

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With respect to unregistered vehicles, the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959* prohibits a person from driving or permitting an unregistered vehicle to stand on a road. I am advised that SAPOL will continue to monitor the registration status of vehicles on roads and regularly conduct deterrent and enforcement operations throughout the year, including issuing expiation notices.

Constituents are encouraged to use SAPOL's Traffic Watch Hotline to report traffic complaints. Reports can be made by telephone on 131 444, online at www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/traffic-watch2, through the SAPOL App, or in person at a police station.

I encourage councils to exercise the significant powers conferred on them to address local issues as they arise. I also encourage the Council to enact any public awareness campaigns, such as encouraging residents to store vehicles on private property where possible, as it sees fit.

As you would be aware, the Malinauskas Labor Government's proposed reforms would ensure new garages are built to dimensions that accommodate modern vehicles, and that new homes provide adequate off-street parking. Under the proposed changes, one-bedroom homes would require one off-street car park, while homes with two or more bedrooms would require at least two off-street car parks.

Minimum dimensions for off-street parking areas would also be increased to ensure larger passenger and utility vehicles sold in Australia could be parked with sufficient width to allow the driver and passenger doors to be opened without hitting garage walls.

Following Labor's return to government at the 2026 State Election, legislating these reforms will be a priority. This would include writing to all councils to ensure local parking rules support the reforms. I trust the Council would consider these reforms constructively in an effort to ease congestion on quiet suburban streets.

Thank you again for your correspondence and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Rhiannon Pearce MP
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

17/7 / 2026