

Fullarton Road and Cross Road Intersection Upgrade Proposal

I am strongly opposed to the current proposal to upgrade the Fullarton Road, Cross Road intersection.

It is inappropriate for an inner suburban commuter route Cross Road to become a key corridor for heavy freight vehicles connecting the South Eastern Freeway to South Road.

The current proposal will:

- reduce the safety and amenity of the many educational and elderly-care institutions and residences along Cross Road
- cause the loss of significant built heritage and established trees
- increase bitumen exacerbating the heat island effect and stormwater runoff
- significantly lower air quality due to increased harmful vehicle emissions and removal of ameliorating trees
- have only temporary gains as any increase in traffic flow will be quickly neutralised by the increase in traffic volumes.

I urge the Government to show leadership and to revisit the decision not to proceed with the road-rail link which would direct heavy freight transport well outside metropolitan Adelaide.

I exhort the Government to maintain Adelaide as the most liveable and sustainable of cities with clean air, urban forests cooling the city, improved paths for pedestrians, cyclists and access to public transport.

I demand that the Government undertakes genuine and transparent consultation with the community and respects the Waite bequests and our built and natural heritage.