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**Media Statement**

## Mount Barker Connector Road

In 2010 the then State Government determined to rezone around 1,300 hectares of rural land in Mount Barker and this rezoning included the need for, and designation of, the connector road through the growth area.

The 2012 State Government legally binding deeds with numerous developers that include the construction of the connector road, by multiple developers when they undertake development, doesn't include the railway corridor section. It appears that this was an oversight in the State Government deeds.

Since 2018 Council has advocated to successive State Governments for action to address the shortcomings in the State Government's deeds and has stated that the railway corridor section is the highest priority need of all of the remaining sections of the connector road that are yet to be constructed.

Quotes attributable to Mayor David Leach:

“Council continues to play a major role in supporting growth as reflected by major infrastructure investment in both wastewater and recreational facilities.”

“Council has held constructive discussions with Minister Tom Koutsantonis who has acknowledged that the State Government needs to take action to address this gap in the connector road.”

“Council is awaiting further information from the State Government on the estimated total cost of, and its intended approach to, rectifying this important community infrastructure need.”

“Given the importance of this section of the connector road being built as soon as possible from a community social and safety perspective, I have confirmed with the Minister the willingness of Council to play a support role to facilitate the delivery of the railway corridor section of the connector road and the Minister and I are scheduled to meet again later next month.”

“Council welcomes the \$40 million State Budget provision for the upgrading of the roundabout at Adelaide/Wellington/Flaxley/Alexandrina Roads and looks forward to receiving concept designs for this project from the State Government.”

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