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Media Statement

Council hopes for fast tracking of connector road

Quotes attributed to Mayor David Leach.

“Mount Barker continues to experience significant growth and the completion of infrastructure, particularly the Heysen Boulevard connector road, is crucial to support the community's needs and ensure safe and convenient movement within the area.

“Currently, 53 percent of the connector road has been constructed, with an additional 6 percent under construction, leaving 41 percent (approximately 4 km) still to be built.

“The incomplete infrastructure is causing challenges for the community, including risks to public safety and negative impacts on retail and commercial activities, tourism, education, and work-related activities.

“The commitment of the Malinauskas government towards construction of a new rail level crossing on Heysen Boulevard between the Minters Fields and Bluestone estates is very welcome.

“Council has had positive engagement with Premier Malinauskas and Minister Koutsantounis and has advocated to the State Government to step in and cash flow, and procure the design and construction of the remainder of the connector road with costs to be recouped from developers as they build on adjacent land.

“Council is pleased that this has been included in the State Government’s review to assess the feasibility for an earlier completion for remaining works on Heysen Boulevard.

“The formal recognition of important needs arising from growth in Mount Barker by the State Government is acknowledged and Council looks forward to the outcomes of the review and hope for a positive result in fast-tracking the completion of this essential local road.”

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