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20EMS0338  
Your ref: 8254665

Hon Tony Piccolo MP  
Member for Light  
148 Murray Street  
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Dear Mr Piccolo

### Freedom of Information Determination

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act) received by the former Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, the Hon Corey Wingard MP on 11 June 2020 seeking access to:

*"Copies of any and all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, event attendance records and any other correspondence) either to or from (directly or indirectly) officials, employees or contractors to all SA government departments, agencies or Statutory bodies, Members of Parliament, the Premier or Ministers of the Crown and their personal staff, members or the public, owners and employees of businesses or commercial operations, officials or elected members of Local Government, regarding the establishment of a State Emergency Services (SES) unit or satellite unit in Gawler. Timeframe: 20/03/2018 to 12/06/2020."*

On 29 July 2020, the Hon Vincent Tarzia MP was appointed as the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, therefore your FOI application was transferred to his newly established office.

Following extensive searches of this office's records 33 documents were discovered which fall within the scope of your application and are detailed in the attached document schedule.

I have determined to release the following documents in full; 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32.

I have determined to release the following documents in part; 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26, 30, 33 pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

The disclosure of personal affairs which include, but are not limited to, names, addresses, telephone numbers and personal information of third parties, would be unreasonable. Therefore, documents will be released with the exempt information removed pursuant to Clause 6(1) – personal affairs.

Documents 4 and 7 contain the name of an emergency services volunteer, this information has been removed as it is considered unreasonable to disclose the names of individuals who voluntarily perform an important community service. I do not consider the interest in identifying this detail and overrides the public interest in preserving the privacy of volunteers.

Information which is out of scope of the parameters of the application has been removed from documents; 2, 7, 20, 31.

I have determined to exempt document 3 pursuant to Clause 9(1)(a)(i) as this document contains opinions, advice and recommendations used in the course of decision making by Government.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may seek an internal review by writing to the Hon Vincent Tarzia MP within 30 days of receipt of this letter. A fact sheet outlining your rights to review, and appeal is available at [www.archives.sa.gov.au/finding-information/information-held-sa-government/making-freedom-information-application#Review](http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/finding-information/information-held-sa-government/making-freedom-information-application#Review).

Pursuant to Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, agencies receiving non-personal FOI applications may publish the document in the agency disclosure log if access is provided.

Should you require further information or clarification on this matter, please contact me on telephone 8303 0670.

Yours sincerely



**Georgia Meneaud**  
Accredited FOI Officer  
Office of the Hon Vincent Tarzia MP

22 / 06 / 2021

Encl: 1. Schedule of Documents  
2. Documents for Release

### DOCUMENT SCHEDULE

<i><b>Document number</b></i>	<i><b>Document description</b></i>	<i><b>Exemption clauses</b></i>	<i><b>Released (part/full/refused)</b></i>
1	Letter	Nil	Full
2	Briefing	Out of Scope	Partial
3	Paper	Clause 9(1)(a)(i)	Refused
4	Email	6(1)	Partial
5	Letter	Nil	Full
6	Briefing	Nil	Full
7	Email	6(1) / out of scope	Partial
8	Letter	6(1)	Partial
9	Letter	6(1)	Partial
10	Briefing	Nil	Full
11	Email	6(1)	Partial
12	Briefing	Nil	Full
13	Email	6(1)	Partial
14	Letter	6(1)	Partial
15	Briefing	Nil	Full
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17	Letter	6(1)	Partial
18	Letter	6(1)	Partial
19	Briefing	Nil	Full
20	Email	6(1) / Out of Scope	Partial
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22	Briefing	Nil	Full
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25	Letter	Nil	Full
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27	Letter	Nil	Full
28	Email	Nil	Full
29	Briefing	Nil	Full
30	Letter	6(1)	Partial
31	Letter	Out of Scope	Partial
32	Briefing	Nil	Full
33	Letter	6(1)	Partial



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18EMS0036

Mr John Lawrence  
Deputy Unit Manager  
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ELIZABETH SA 5112

Dear Mr ~~Lawrence~~ *John,*

Thank you for your email congratulating me on my appointment as Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. I consider it an honour to be able to serve the people of South Australia in this way.

Before I respond to the primary matter of your email, I want to acknowledge the excellent contribution that you personally have made to further the provision of emergency services to local communities. I also want to recognise the great work done by the team at the Salisbury SES Unit. The workload is impressive and I assure you that I will do whatever I can to assist you, the unit, and the SES to continue to provide the most effective emergency response possible.

In relation to your request for funding to establish the new satellite unit, I regret that I can't commit to additional funding at this time. You would be aware that we have only just assumed government and are still in the process of determining our first budget. I am sympathetic to the cause and acknowledge the work that has been done in preparation, however it is too early to make commitments.

On a more positive note, I have already commenced discussions with SES Chief Officer, Chris Beattie about the needs and priorities of the SES. As such, I expect that I will be in a better position to fully consider your request later in the year.

Again, thank you for raising these matters with me, and for your ongoing contribution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Corey Wingard".

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

*12 / 5* / 2018



**TO MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE/NOTING**

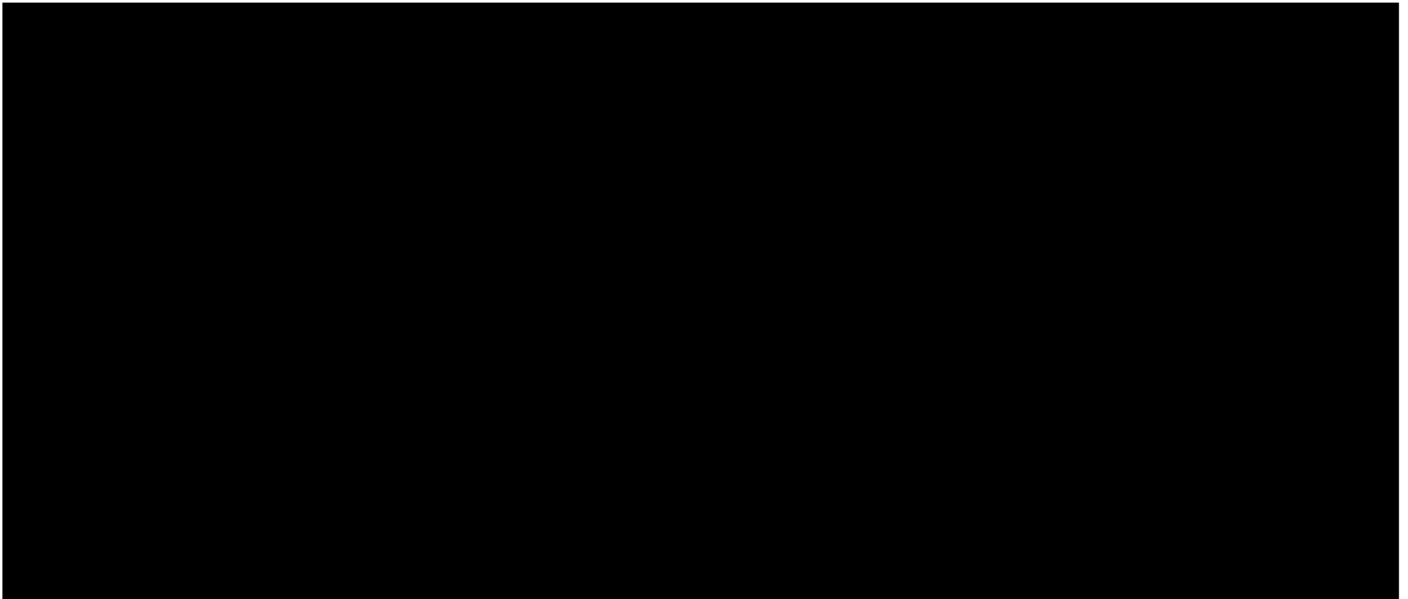
**RE: EMAIL FROM MR JOHN LAWRENCE DATED 20 APRIL 2018 RE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A GAWLER SES UNIT**

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**ISSUE:**

John Lawrence, current Deputy Unit Manager, Salisbury SES Unit, sent you an email on 20 April 2018 requesting your support for capital and recurrent funding to enable establishment of a new satellite SES unit at Gawler.

John pointed out that the Salisbury Unit is historically one of the three busiest SES units in the state averaging 400-500 requests for assistance each year, and that this workload is expected to increase with the significant current and planned residential developments in the outer northern suburbs.



A draft letter addressing John's concern has been prepared for your response.

In essence, the draft response acknowledges the valuable work performed by the unit and commits to considering the request as the priorities of government and the agency are clarified through the budget process. The draft response does not commit to funding at this time.

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SES analysis of likely future demand changes, supports Mr Lawrence's claims. The outer northern suburbs are exposed to significant weather-related risks such as extreme heat and flooding from the South Para and Gawler Rivers. The potential consequences of such extreme weather events are escalating due to the rapid increase in the number of people residing within the risk area.

While funding for a new satellite unit in the outer northern suburbs has not been committed, a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred, as follows:

- Discussions with the local council have resulted in strong support for expanding SES services in the area.
- Organisational arrangements have been made within the Salisbury SES Unit to identify key individuals who can support a newly established unit.
- A number of volunteers have already nominated to participate when the unit is established.
- A 4WD ute is available for allocation as the initial quick response vehicle.
- A suitable parcel of surplus government land has been identified in Willaston. (construction of a depot would still be required).



○ Therefore, many of the organisational arrangements required to establish a unit are in place. Funding to construct a depot, provide other minor equipment and to support ongoing operations is the key obstacle.

An SES discussion paper is attached and identifies areas of Greater Adelaide where increasing demand trends correspond with gaps in SES service capability. Five such areas are highlighted, including the outer northern Adelaide suburbs broadly centred around Gawler/Willaston. Funding support over the next five to seven years to address these service gaps would significantly bolster emergency response capability in a very cost effective way.

I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about the paper's findings at a suitable time in the near future.

## RECOMMENDATION

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1. That you consider the attached draft letter to Mr Lawrence regarding funding for establishment of a new SES unit at Gawler, and
  2. That you note the attached SES discussion paper titled "*Opportunities to address unsustainable demand for SES services in the Greater Adelaide area*".

<b>Contact Officer:</b> David Carman General Manager Phone: 0429 071 821 Date: 3 / 5 / 2018	Noted by CE 7 / 5 / 2018   ..... <b>Malcolm Jackman</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> 7 / 5 / 2018	Received by CO 4 / 05 / 2018   ..... <b>Chris Beattie</b> <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> 4 / 5 / 2018
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## Meneaud, Georgia (DCS)

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**From:** John Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 April 2018 7:38 PM  
**To:** AGD:Minister Wingard  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Establishment of a Gawler SES Unit

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Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Emergency Services.

I assume that the SES Chief Officer has provided you with a briefing paper and met with you, so you may be aware of the need to establish an SES Unit in Gawler.

I was Manager of the Salisbury SES Unit for six years until August last year, when I resigned the position to take on the role of establishing an SES Unit in Gawler. Gawler is currently covered by the Salisbury Unit, who's response area extends from Kings Rd (Parafield Airport) to Lower Light and from the coast out almost to Williamstown and past One Tree Hill. Salisbury is one of the top three busiest units in the State, averaging 400-500 requests for assistance a year. This number is expected to increase in the coming years because of the number of planned residential developments, such as Buckland Park, Two Wells, Playford Alive and Gawler East, which are expected to add up to 100,000 new residents.

Eighteen months ago, the Salisbury unit moved from Edinburgh North to Salisbury Heights as a part of the planning for a new unit at Gawler. A vehicle is available for the unit and I believe that capital may be available, particularly if the unit is combined with a planned new storage facility for CFS base camp equipment. Recurrent funding is required, however.

The local member of parliament and the Mayor of Gawler have both informed me that there is Government (DPTI) land on Two Wells Rd at Willaston that is surplus to DPTI's requirements. It is in a very suitable location for both an SES Unit and a storage facility.

I have the names of over twenty people ready to join a Gawler Unit when it is established.

I urge you to support the establishment of a Gawler SES Unit in the near future with the provision of both capital and recurrent monies.

Regards,

John

**John Lawrence, ESM, MAIES**

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18EMS0036

Mr John Lawrence  
Deputy Unit Manager Gawler Satellite  
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Dear Mr Lawrence

Thank you for your email dated 8 August 2018 to the Hon Stephen Knoll MP, regarding the establishment of a State Emergency Service (SES) unit at Gawler. I am responding on behalf of Minister Knoll as the issues raised fall within my portfolio.

Following our previous correspondence on this matter in May of this year, I have had a number of discussions with the SES Chief Officer, Chris Beattie, about the needs and priorities of SES.

Mr Beattie has advised me that there is support within the agency to establish an SES unit at Gawler and a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred. Negotiations with the Town of Gawler Council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure are presently underway regarding location and resources.

I am assured that relevant personnel from the SES will continue to engage and communicate with you regarding the progress of the proposed unit as plans progress.

Thank you for raising this matter again and for your ongoing commitment to progressing the proposal of an SES unit at Gawler to support and protect the community in that area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Corey W', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

10 / 10 /2018

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RESCUE

**TO MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES****FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE****RE: EMAIL REFERRED BY MINISTER KNOLL'S OFFICE FROM JOHN LAWRENCE,  
DEPUTY UNIT MANAGER - SALISBURY SES UNIT****ISSUE:**

An email from John Lawrence, Deputy Unit Manager, Salisbury SES Unit, has been referred to you from Minister Knoll's office which advocates to Minister Knoll for the establishment of an SES unit at Gawler.

You previously corresponded with Mr Lawrence when you were first appointed as Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. In that letter you acknowledged his personal contribution for furthering the provision of emergency services to local communities and recognised the great work of Salisbury SES Unit.

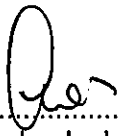
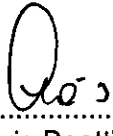
You advised that, as a new minister at that time (May 2018), you were unable to commit any additional funding due to only having been in government for a short period of time but that you had already commenced discussions with SES Chief Officer, Chris Beattie, about the needs and priorities of the SES.

Since that correspondence, progress has been made regarding the proposed new Gawler unit, including negotiations with the Town of Gawler Council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. This updated information is provided in the attached draft response to Mr Lawrence.

The SES will be engaging with Mr Lawrence on an ongoing basis to keep him informed of the project's progress.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That you consider the attached draft letter to Mr Lawrence regarding establishment of a new Gawler SES Unit.

<b>Contact Officer:</b> Leanne Adams Phone: 0459 838 195 Date: 24 / 09 / 2018  <i>per</i>	Received by CE     /     / 2018   ..... Malcolm Jackman CHIEF EXECUTIVE SAFECOM 27/9/2018	Received by CO 24 / 09 / 2018   ..... Chris Beattie CHIEF OFFICER SASES 27/9/2018
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## Meneaud, Georgia (DCS)

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**From:** Schubert EO <schubert@parliament.sa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 August 2018 8:24 AM  
**To:** DPTI:Minister Knoll  
**Subject:** John Lawrence - FW: Gawler SES Unit

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**From:** John Lawrence [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 August 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Schubert EO <schubert@parliament.sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Gawler SES Unit

Dear Mr. Knoll,

I am a member of the Salisbury SES Unit. I was Unit Manager for six years up until a year ago, when I stood down to concentrate on the establishment of an SES Unit at Gawler.

The Salisbury Unit's response area extends from the north side of Parafield Airport (Kings Rd) up to Lower Light and about half way between Roseworthy and Wasleys in the north and, in the east, includes Cockatoo Valley, One Tree Hill and Humbug Scrub. Obviously, this includes much of the lower part of your electorate.

Salisbury is consistently in the top three busiest SES units in the State, averaging approximately 400 callouts each year. There are several major residential developments planned for the area over the next few years – Gawler East, Two Wells, Buckland Park, Playford Alive. These could add as many as 100,000 new residents in the area. In recognition of this, SES is planning to establish a new unit in the Gawler area. As a part of the preparation for this, the Salisbury Unit moved from Edinburgh North to Salisbury Heights (corner of Main North Rd and The Grove Way) about three years ago and changed its name from Edinburgh to Salisbury. This move has increased the response times to jobs in your electorate by about fifteen minutes.

DPTI has land that is excess to its requirements on Two Wells Rd, Willaston that is ideal for an SES unit. We are hopeful that it will be transferred to SES in the near future.

Initially, it is planned to establish this as a satellite of the Salisbury Unit by locating a vehicle there, so that members in the Gawler area can respond to jobs from there. We do, however, have few members in the area, because most do not want to travel all of the way to Salisbury Heights for training. I have a list of almost thirty names of people who say that they will join a Gawler Unit once it is established.

I understand that there is no money in this year's budget to build and maintain a new unit, but I ask if you could use your good offices to promote the funding of one in next year's budget. It will result in a valuable increase in SES volunteer numbers and a reduction in response times to jobs in the lower half of your electorate.

The establishment of the unit has the strong support of Karen Redman, Mayor of Gawler.

For your information, in case you are not aware, the next unit north of Gawler is Kapunda, which covers the Barossa Valley.

A front page article in The Advertiser earlier this week, calling for more volunteers, stated that 13,000 CFS volunteers put in 98,000 hours on jobs last year. This is an average of eight hours per volunteer for the year. Some figures that I have seen recently, although not official, indicate that about 1,500 SES volunteers put in 76,000 hours on jobs last year. This is fifty hours per volunteer, or six times as much.

SES volunteers deserve the Government's continuing support and, despite the reduction in the ESL, funding should be increased by a relatively modest amount to provide for the construction and establishment of a new unit at Gawler and its on-going operation.

Sincerely,

John

**John Lawrence, ESM, MAIES**

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**Government  
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**The Hon Stephan Knoll MP  
Member for Schubert**

Mr John Lawrence  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Lawrence

Thank you for your letter to the Hon Stephan Knoll MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, regarding the establishment a SES unit at Gawler.

While the Minister appreciates receiving your correspondence, I advise this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services.

Accordingly, I have forwarded your correspondence to the Hon Corey Wingard MP for consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Knoll".

**Office Manager**  
**OFFICE OF THE HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP**

5 / 9 / 2018

Cc: Hon Corey Wingard MP

**Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
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18EMS0127

Mr Jan-Robbie Boddey

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Boddey

Thank you for your correspondence dated 27 July 2018 regarding the establishment of a new State Emergency Service (SES) unit at Gawler.

I am in full agreement with you about the value SES units contribute to their communities and I recognise the great work done by the team at the Salisbury SES Unit in providing a high level of emergency response to the Gawler area.

In relation to your request for funding to establish a new satellite unit, I have had a number of recent discussions with the SES Chief Officer, Chris Beattie, about the needs and priorities of SES and a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred. Negotiations with the local council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure are presently underway regarding location and resources.

I will keep you informed of these negotiations as they progress.

Again, thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Corey Wj", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

23 August 2018



**TO A/MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE/NOTING**

**RE: EMAIL FROM JAN-ROBBIE BODDEY DATED 27 JULY 2018 RE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE – GAWLER BRANCH**

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**ISSUE:**

The email from Jan-Robbie Boddey encourages further consideration for funding to establish an SES unit at Gawler.

The email notes the considerable distances from the nearest existing SES units (Salisbury, Kapunda and Tea Tree Gully) and recent storm and flood incidents in the area that justify establishment of a new capability in that area.

Similar correspondence supporting the establishment of a new unit has been received from Mr John Lawrence on 20 April 2018 (refer 18EMS0036), and the Mayor of the Town of Gawler, Ms Karen Redman, on 14 May 2018 (refer 18EMS0068).

As noted in previous briefing notes on this matter, SES services for the Gawler area are currently provided from either the Salisbury SES Unit (~26kms SW; 26 mins travel) or Kapunda SES Unit (~33kms NE; 25 mins travel).

- The Salisbury Unit is historically one of the three busiest SES units in the state averaging 400-500 requests for assistance each year. This workload is expected to increase with the significant current and planned residential developments in the outer northern suburbs.
- The Kapunda Unit is a much smaller rural unit averaging approximately 150 requests for assistance per year, but with a very large response area and a broader range of response activities, including road crash rescue and animal rescue.

SES analysis of likely future demand changes for emergency response services has identified that the outer northern suburbs are exposed to significant weather-related risks, such as extreme heat, storm and flooding from the South Para and Gawler Rivers. The potential consequences of such extreme weather events are escalating due to the rapid increase in the number of people residing within the risk area.

An SES discussion paper (previously provided) identifies areas of Greater Adelaide where increasing demand trends correspond with gaps in SES service capability. Five such areas are highlighted, including the outer northern Adelaide suburbs broadly centred around Gawler/Willaston. Funding support over the next five to seven years to address these service gaps would significantly bolster emergency response capability in a very cost-effective way.

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While funding for a new satellite unit in the outer northern suburbs has not been committed, a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred.



- Discussions with the local council have resulted in strong support for expanding SES services in the area (confirmed by the letter from Mayor Redman).
- Organisational arrangements have been made within the Salisbury SES Unit to identify key individuals who can support a newly established unit.
- A number of volunteers have already nominated to participate when the unit is established.
- A 4WD ute is available for allocation as the initial quick response vehicle.
- Discussions have commenced with DPTI regarding the identified land package (see below). Preliminary advice is that the land is surplus to DPTI requirements, however this needs to be confirmed. Construction of an SES depot would still be required.

Thus many of the organisational arrangements required to establish a unit are in place or well progressed. Funding to construct a depot, provide other minor equipment and to support ongoing operations remains the key obstacle.

A draft letter in response to Mr Boddey's letter has been prepared for your consideration.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That you consider the attached draft letter to Mr Boddey regarding establishment of a new Gawler SES Unit.

<b>Contact Officer:</b> David Carman General Manager Phone: 0429 071 821 Date: 7 / 8 / 2018	Noted by <sup>AJ</sup> CE / / 2018   ..... <b>Malcolm Jackman</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> / / 2018	Received by CO 09 / 08 / 2018   ..... <b>Chris Beattie</b> <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> 9 / 8 / 2018
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## Meneaud, Georgia (DCS)

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**From:** Jan-Robbie Boddey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 July 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** AGD:Minister Wingard  
**Subject:** State emergency service - Gawler Branch.

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Hi,

I'm writing in regards to the prospective SES branch to be made in the Gawler area. It has come to my attention that funding for this branch has not been achieved for this financial year and it is unclear if it will be in future. Which is why I implore that you take this matter into further consideration for the following reasons. The closest SES unit to Gawler is Salisbury and the next after that is Kapunda and Tea Tree Gully. In an emergency, it is likely that a SES unit would not be able to respond to an emergency that occurs in the Gawler Area. During storms and floods (like wish we have seen many of in the last few years) the Gawler area is hit very hard, being close to flood areas exasperates the importance of having a local emergency unit.

I understand that your government is a new government, and there are other projects that are also important. But I feel if you talk with Dermot Barry & John Lawrence of the SES you will find that the South Australian communities of the Gawler area will greatly benefit from a SES Satellite branch with in that area.

Than you.

Jan-Robbie Boddey

**TO MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES****FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE/NOTING****RE: EMAIL FROM DAVID POLLITT DATED 27 AUGUST 2018 RE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN SES UNIT IN GAWLER****ISSUE:**

The email from David Pollitt advocates for establish of an SES unit at Gawler.

The email notes the considerable distances from the nearest existing SES units (Salisbury, and Kapunda), the lack of SES presence in the Barossa Valley area and the community safety benefits of increased SES presence in a "strategic location" with reach into many northern urban fringe communities. Mr Pollitt also notes the benefit of reducing the "non-core" incident workloads from existing local CFS and MFS resources. CFS or MFS resources dispatched to trees on road, flood and storm, or rescue activities are not available for their "core" fire response activities.

Mr Pollitt is confident that there are sufficient local people who would volunteer for a new SES unit in that area, including current members of the Salisbury SES Unit.

Similar correspondence supporting the establishment of a new unit has been received from Mr John Lawrence on 20 April 2018 (refer 18EMS0036), the Mayor of the Town of Gawler, Ms Karen Redman, on 14 May 2018 (refer 18EMS0068) and Mr Jan-Robbie Boddey on 27 July 2018 (refer 18EMS0127).

SES analysis of likely future demand changes for emergency response services has identified that the outer northern suburbs are exposed to significant weather-related risks, such as extreme heat and storm, and flooding from the South Para and Gawler Rivers. The potential consequences of such extreme weather events are escalating due to the rapid increase in the number of people residing within the risk area.

An SES discussion paper (previously provided) identifies areas of Greater Adelaide where increasing demand trends correspond with gaps in SES service capability. Five such areas are highlighted, including the outer northern Adelaide suburbs broadly centred around Gawler/Willaston. Funding support over the next five to seven years to address these service gaps would significantly bolster emergency response capability in a very cost-effective way.

While funding for a new satellite unit in the outer northern suburbs has not been committed, a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred.

- Discussions with the local council have resulted in strong support for expanding SES services in the area (confirmed by the letter from Mayor Redman).

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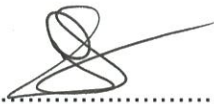

- Organisational arrangements have been made within the Salisbury SES Unit to identify key individuals who can support a newly established unit.
- A number of volunteers have already nominated to participate when the unit is established.
- A 4WD ute is available for allocation as the initial quick response vehicle.
- SES has registered interest with DPTI to purchase a suitable surplus Government land package (see below). Construction of an SES depot would still be required. identified

Thus many of the organisational arrangements required to establish a unit are in place, or well progressed. Funding to construct a depot, provide other minor equipment and to support ongoing operations remains the key obstacle.

A draft letter in response to Mr Pollitt's letter has been prepared for your consideration.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That you consider the attached draft letter to Mr Pollitt regarding establishment of a new Gawler SES Unit.

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## Meneaud, Georgia (DCS)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 August 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** AGD:Minister Wingard  
**Subject:** Establishment of an SES Unit in Gawler

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Minister

I write to add my voice in support of the establishment of a State Emergency Services (SES) Unit in Gawler. I have observed for the last few years that promotion of that aim has been occurring within Gawler and the wider northern areas with active promotion since about 2015. It appears that a little momentum is building towards establishment.

The distribution of SES units in the North has changed with the Edinburgh Unit relocating and becoming Salisbury. The result is a shift in coverage for the residents north of Elizabeth and in particular Gawler, with the nearest units (Salisbury and Kapunda) both around a 30 minute road transit to Gawler. I also note there is no SES presence in the Barossa Valley. The establishment of a Gawler SES unit would see a significant emergency response improvement in Gawler and surrounding areas in terms of response times and numbers of available volunteers. It would also remove some of the burden from the Salisbury unit which has a very large response area.

Although the core functions of the SES differ somewhat from the core functions of both the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (SAMFS) and the South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS) anecdotally many of the incidents that an SES unit would normally attend to are currently being attended to by those services within Gawler and surrounding areas. In the case of SACFS these non-core incidents may be a further burden on busy volunteer brigades who are perhaps needlessly attending storm damage, animal rescue and other similar incidents which would normally form part of a local SES units core responsibilities. One local SACFS brigade I'm aware of has a call rate of over 300 incidents per year and may appreciate some relief from attending non-core incident types. In the case of SAMFS it may prove to be beneficial to both the SAMFS and the community for a local SES unit to be established alleviating as far as practicable SAMFS from being tasked with non-core responses.

Furthermore, the establishing of a Gawler unit may improve community outcomes by providing additional opportunities for volunteering & benefits from a community resilience point of view where locals assist each other. The Gawler unit would also bring a contribution to the wider state response capability in times of disaster or significant incidents occurring. Gawler could be considered a strategic location being on the edge of the urban fringe and may have reach into many communities.

Having attended a local meeting on the establishment of a Gawler unit earlier this year, there appears to be sufficient interest from Gawler locals to volunteer and become trained. I'm aware that there are several existing SES members who are likely to become inaugural members of a Gawler unit ensuring there are experienced people available from the outset. I'm also aware that there are several potential members such as myself who have significant experience in emergency response with SACFS and elsewhere who also stand prepared to join a Gawler unit and bring the skills we have to assist where we can.

The missing pieces are those that only our Government can provide such as a facility and appropriate response vehicles. The community is self-organising and showing a commitment to each other by pursuing the establishment of this unit. It would be a great outcome for our Government to embrace the momentum and energy that is building and support the efforts as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

David Pollitt





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18EMS0149

Mr David Pollitt  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Pollitt

Thank you for your correspondence dated 27 August 2018 regarding the establishment of a new State Emergency Service (SES) unit at Gawler.

I am in full agreement with you about the value SES units contribute to their communities. I recognise the great work done by the team at the Salisbury SES Unit together with local CFS and MFS resources to provide a high level of emergency response to the Gawler area.

In relation to your request to establish a new satellite unit at Gawler, I have had numerous recent discussions with the SES Chief Officer, Chris Beattie, about the needs and priorities of SES. He advises me a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred. Negotiations with the Town of Gawler Council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure are presently underway regarding location and resources.

I will keep you informed of these negotiations as they progress.

Again, thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Corey Wj".

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

10 September 2018




**TO MINISTER FOR POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**FOR NOTING/ SIGNATURE**

**RE: NEED FOR A SES UNIT TO BE ESTABLISHED AT GAWLER**

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

<b>SES Recommendation(s)</b>	<b>CO Initials</b>	<b>Minister's Response</b>
Note the contents of this briefing.		Approved / Not Approved / Noted
Consider and approve the attached draft response to Mr John Lawrence		Approved / Not Approved / Noted

<b>Minister's Office use: Comments</b>	
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**ISSUE:**

Mr John Lawrence sent an email to your office urging you to consider allocating funding in the 2020-21 State Budget for the establishment of a new SES unit at Gawler.

**BACKGROUND:**

Similar correspondence supporting the establishment of a new unit has been received from Mr John Lawrence on 20 April 2018 (refer 18EMS0036), the Mayor of the Town of Gawler, Ms Karen Redman, on 14 May 2018 (refer 18EMS0068), Mr Jan-Robbie Boddey on 27 July 2018 (refer 18EMS0127), Mr David Pollitt in August 2018 (refer 18EMS0149) and Cr David Hughes on 18 September 2019 (refer 19EMS0219).

A review of trends in SES response taskings and volunteer workload across the Greater Metropolitan Adelaide area resulted in preparation of a discussion paper "*Opportunities to address unsustainable demand for SES services in the greater Adelaide area*" in early 2018. This discussion paper has been provided to you in a number of agency briefings.

The discussion paper highlighted current and future demand for SES services in a number of areas across Greater Metropolitan Adelaide, but identified the Gawler/ Willaston area as the highest priority area for short to medium-term action.

The reasons for this priority were the rapid and significant growth in residential properties in the area, the significant risk profile of the area largely due to regular flooding of the Gawler and South Para rivers, and the poor coverage of the area from existing SES units.

In October 2018, you approved the purchase of land at Lot 1, Gawler River Road, Willaston, by SES as a strategic land acquisition for the purpose of establishing a new SES Unit in the Gawler/ Willaston area (refer ESS 18-3647).

The new site is located approximately half way between existing SES units at Salisbury and Kapunda and provides the ideal location for the establishment of a new SES unit. The site is largely vacant with minor improvements associated with sheds which are currently leased by the local Apex club.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The information provided by Mr Lawrence about future growth in residences, and therefore likely future demand for SES emergency services is largely consistent with trends identified in the SES discussion paper.

The Gawler/ Willaston area is approx. 22kms from the Salisbury SES Unit and 35kms from the Kapunda Unit (refer Attachment 1). This means that emergency response times to Gawler/ Willaston can be long. This is unacceptable for members of these local communities who may be waiting for emergency support and unacceptable for volunteers who are required to travel for longer periods of time to respond to emergency incidents.

A new unit located centrally in the Gawler/ Willaston area would not only provide increased emergency response capacity with significantly reduced response times, but would also serve as a critical coordination location for major emergency incidents occurring anywhere between the Barossa and Two Wells, Port Gawler and Virginia .

A concept masterplan for the site (refer attachment 2) indicates that there is sufficient space available at the Willaston site to meet all anticipated needs of SES and provide space for co-location by one or more other organisation(s). A number of organisations have actively expressed interest in the site including:

- The Apex Club of Gawler currently lease some of the old buildings on site. Their lease expires in June 2020.
- The Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club have been trying to negotiate to lease or purchase parts of the property for many years.
- More recently, the Country Fire Service has expressed interest in utilising part of the site to relocate their Region 2 HQ facilities from their present temporary site.

Clear decisions are required about how SES is going to use the site, and when, so that other organisations can determine their future plans with confidence.

Moving forward is largely a matter of cost. The majority of other aspects that could otherwise have been obstacles have already been resolved. The need is clear, the site has been purchased, there are volunteers waiting to join, and there is strong support from local government and the community.

Commitment to future funding, whether in 2020-21 or elsewhere in the forward estimates, would enable clarification of arrangements for interested parties and be a tangible demonstration of the Government's commitment to community safety in this rapidly developing part of the state.

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENT:**

The SES capital budget is intended to fund the life-cycle costs of existing facilities. Similarly, the SES operating budget is intended to cover the ongoing costs associated with maintaining existing units. There is no capacity to fund construction of additional buildings or the ongoing costs of running additional units that reflect service expansion.

SES has sought additional funding for this purpose through successive budget processes, without success.

Detailed cost estimates have not been prepared however indicative costs of a new unit would include:

- Capital costs
  - Construction of unit facilities (appliance shedding, meeting and training rooms, kitchen, change rooms, incident management rooms, office spaces) - approx. \$1.5m
  - Construction of additional shedding to store flood response equipment and consumables for the high flood risk associated with lower Gawler and South Para rivers - approx. \$0.450m
  - Purchase of vehicles and plant e.g. rescue truck, quick response vehicle, equipment trailers (storm response trailer, sandbag filling trailer) and IT and communications equipment approx. \$0.550m
- Operating costs
  - Minor equipment, consumables, repairs/maintenance, utilities e.g. chainsaws, power, sand bags, ladders, ropes and tarpaulins personal protective equipment etc (approx. \$0.1m) per year

### **SUMMARY:**

The information provided by Mr Lawrence is consistent with SES analysis. Establishment of new facilities in the Gawler/ Willaston area is SES highest priority for service improvement.

The site at Willaston, which was purchased for this purpose, remains undeveloped pending agreement and approval from Government for the funding needed to construct suitable facilities and to support the ongoing activities of a new SES unit.

The resulting uncertainty about future plans leaves the local communities vulnerable to a range of emergency events and has impacts on other organisations who currently have an interest in the property (via lease) and/or desire to co-locate on the property at some time in the future.

**SENSITIVE:** No

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Are there financial implications? No  
Identify the source(s) of funds NA  
Is there an FTE Impact? No  
Are there any implications arising from the [Public Finance and Audit Act 1987](#) and/or [Treasurer's Instructions](#)? No

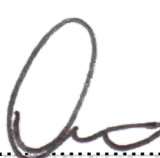
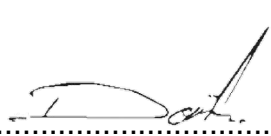
**MEDIA:** No

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:** No

**Contract Confidentiality Clause Inserted:** No

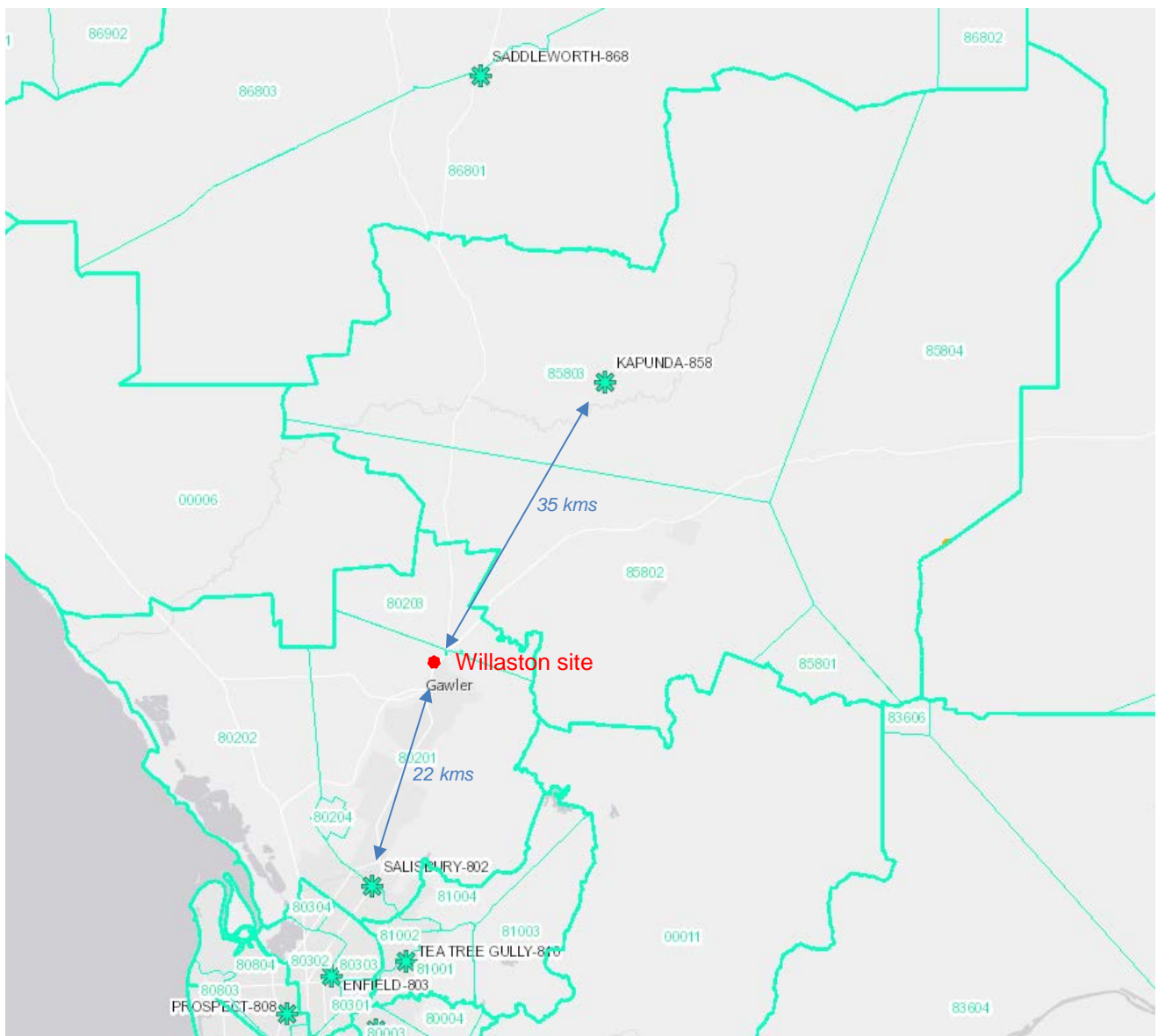
**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Map showing location of Willaston site in relation to nearest existing SES units
2. Aerial photograph of the Willaston site
3. Concept drawing for new SES Unit at Willaston
4. Draft letter to Mr Lawrence

<b>Contact Officer:</b> David Carman Phone: 0429 071 821  Date: 17 / 03 / 2020	Approved by:   ..... <b>Chris Beattie</b> <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> <b>SASES</b>  03 / 04 / 2020	Noted by:   ..... <b>Dom Lane</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> <b>SAFECOM</b>  06 / 04 / 2020
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## ATTACHMENT 1

### MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW SES UNIT AT WILLASTON IN RELATION TO THE NEAREST ALTERNATIVE SES UNITS AT SALISBURY AND KAPUNDA





## ATTACHMENT 2

### AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WILLASTON SITE





**ATTACHMENT 3****CONCEPT DRAWING FOR NEW SES UNIT AT WILLASTON**

## Meneaud, Georgia (DCS)

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**From:** John Lawrence <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 29 March 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** AGD:Minister Wingard  
**Subject:** FW: Establishment of Gawler SES Unit

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Minister,

Further to my email below, I write again to suggest that the construction of a local headquarters for the Gawler SES Unit would be an appropriate project to include in the post-COVID-19 investment package. It is a suitable size to be done by local companies and so would give a boost to the local economy. I note that, in your letter to me dated 10 October 2018 (Ref: 18EMS0036), you advise the following:

*"Mr Beattie has advised me that there is support within the agency to establish an SES unit at Gawler and a considerable amount of preparatory work has already occurred."*

This being the case, it should be possible to have the LHQ 'shovel-ready' quite quickly.

I commend this project to you.

Sincerely,

- John Lawrence ESM

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**John Lawrence, ESM, MAIES**

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**From:** John Lawrence  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 February 2020 12:16 PM  
**To:** ministerwingard@sa.gov.au  
**Subject:** Establishment of Gawler SES Unit

Dear Minister,

I have written to you previously regarding the establishment of a State Emergency Service Unit at Gawler. The time is now right to progress with the establishment of this unit.

You would be aware that the area north of Elizabeth and around Gawler is the fastest growing area in the State. My brief research has found the following recent or planned real estate developments:

- Playford Alive – Planning for 40,000 people
- Playford North – Number of dwellings: now – 275, planned in 20 years – 6,000; number of people: now – 676, planned in 20 years – 17,000.
- Munno Para West (Almond Grove) – 650 residences
- Eyre (Oakford Estate) – 120 residences
- Buckland Park – 12,000 residences
- Evanston (Acacia Green, Orleana Waters, Aspire) – 1,810 residences
- Gawler East (Springwood) – 2,000 residences, 6,000 people (I note that the go-ahead for 1,400 homes for stage 2 was announced in the past week)
- Angle Vale (Ashwin, Burgundy Estate, Miravale, Rivers Edge, Riverview, Woodbridge – 900 residences

- Lewiston (Dawkins Estate) – 28 residences
- Roseworthy (St Ives) – 800 residences
- Two Wells (Eden, Liberty, Longview Estate) – 370 residences
- Virginia ( Virginia Grove) – 110 residences

Assuming an average of three people per residence, these developments equate to an additional 37,800 residences or 114,000 people.

There is an MFS station at Gawler and several CFS Brigades in the area, but there is no SES Unit. The area is included in the response area of the Salisbury Unit, which is based at Salisbury Heights. The unit moved from Edinburgh North to Salisbury Heights several years ago to make way for a Gawler Unit. The unit's response area extends from Parafield Airport to Lower Light and out to Cockatoo Valley and past One Tree Hill. The response times to requests for assistance in the Gawler area are poor. Salisbury is usually in the top three busiest units in the State and this load will increase significantly as all of these proposed developments mature. A unit at Gawler is required to reduce the load on Salisbury and to significantly improve the response times to requests for assistance in the Gawler area.

The establishment of a Gawler SES Unit has significant local support. It is strongly supported by both the Mayor of Gawler and the local member of parliament. I am aware of over twenty local people who are keen to join SES, but, for one reason or another, will not join Salisbury Unit. Some of these are ex-SES members whose skills are still current. There are also several members of the Salisbury Unit who would like to transfer to a closer unit. This means that the unit could be developed into an effective operating unit fairly quickly.

SES has acquired suitable land on Gawler River Rd at Willaston from DPTI that was surplus to their requirements, so a facility could be developed in a relatively short period of time.

As a result of the recent fires in various areas of the State, there is significant goodwill from the general public towards emergency services personnel. There has been a significant increase in the number of enquiries about joining the various services. The establishment of a new SES unit, in the current climate, would be warmly received by the general public and would be a good way to increase the number of SES volunteers.

The Gawler River is a feature and known risk in the area. This floods, on average, every ten years. Whilst mitigation works have been undertaken in recent years, there is still a risk of flooding because the river channel west of Port Wakefield Rd has a significantly lower capacity than the channel further upstream. I would expect a Gawler Unit to develop specialist knowledge of the river and its flooding patterns and be able to respond more quickly and effectively than is now the case.

The high rate of growth of the northern Adelaide area has been recognised by successive State Governments, including yours, by the construction of significantly improved road access to the area. Approximately \$564 million has been spent of the Northern Expressway and approximately \$885 million will be spent of the new Northern Connector (including \$177 million by the State Government). The capital cost for the construction of a new SES unit facility would be only about \$2 million. This is a small additional investment to improve the lives of the people in the Gawler area.

The need for an SES unit in the Gawler area has been recognised for a long time. Now is the time for it to be established so that its volunteer members are trained and ready to meet the challenges of the significant planned increase in population. I urge you to consider including this expenditure in the 2020/21 State Budget discussions.

Yours sincerely,  
John Lawrence

**John Lawrence, ESM, MAIES**

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20EMS0206

Mr John Lawrence

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Lawrence

Thank you for your correspondence received on 24 February and 30 March 2020 regarding the establishment of a South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) unit in Willaston.

After receiving your correspondence I asked the SES for advice about this matter.

I appreciate the effort you have invested in researching the trends, developments and risks associated with this geographic area. I am supportive of the concept of establishing additional emergency response capability in the greater Gawler area and have taken action to ensure that the valuable parcel of land on Gawler River Road in Willaston has been secured for future use by the emergency services.

Community safety remains one of my highest priorities, however the establishment of a new SES unit is a complex process. It is critical that any proposed developments are fully considered and comprehensively planned to ensure the long term benefit of local communities and the broader region.

I can advise that the matter of funding for the development of a new unit is currently being considered, along with other worthy projects, through the budget process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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19EMS0219

Cr David Hughes  
Area Councillor  
Town of Gawler  
By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Councillor Hughes *David*

Thank you for your correspondence received on 18 September 2019 regarding the establishment of a State Emergency Service (SES) unit in Gawler.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the SES for advice about this matter.

The SES advise that a masterplan for the site at Lot 1 Gawler River Road, Willaston has been completed and preliminary discussions have commenced with the Country Fire Service (CFS) about the possibility of utilising a portion of the site for the relocation of the CFS Region 2 Headquarters.

The establishment of a new SES unit and potential new CFS site is a complex undertaking. It is critical that any proposed developments are fully considered and comprehensively planned to ensure the long term benefit of the local community and broader region.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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RESCUE

**TO MINISTER FOR POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES****FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE****RE: TOWN OF GAWLER ENQUIRY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A SES UNIT AT GAWLER****ISSUE:**

Mr David Hughes, a councillor for Town of Gawler, sent you an email on 18 September 2019 requesting an update on progress towards establishment of a new SES Unit at the SES owned property at Lot 1, Gawler River Road, Willaston. His email notes the high potential availability of local volunteers, and reinforces a community belief that additional emergency response capability in that locality would be beneficial.

**BACKGROUND:**

Analysis of historical and forecast demands for SES responses has identified an operational need for a new SES unit in the Gawler/Willaston area.

The Town of Gawler Council has previously expressed its interest in and support for the establishment of a new SES unit within the municipality. Ms Karen Redman, Mayor of the Town of Gawler wrote to you in May 2018 (refer 18EMS0068) expressing support for establishing a new SES unit on the Willaston site to support the Gawler Council area. At that time, SES was in negotiations with DPTI to purchase the surplus property.

Your response to Ms Redman advised that establishment of a new unit would require an additional funding allocation to SES and this could not be confirmed until finalisation of the State Budget later in 2018.

In October 2018, you approved the purchase of land at Lot 1, Gawler River Road, Willaston, by SES as a strategic land acquisition for the purpose of establishing a new SES Unit in the Gawler/ Willaston area (refer ESS 18-3647).

The additional funding required to construct a suitable facility on the land parcel, purchase the necessary capital plant and equipment, and to support the ongoing operation of a new unit was not provided through either the 2018-2019, or the 2019-2020 budget processes.

**DISCUSSION:**

Having acquired the site, SES has continued to progress its planning with respect to the future establishment of a new unit.

A masterplan for the site has been completed and this confirmed that the overall land parcel is larger than that required by SES and hence a portion of the land could be made available to other parties. (Refer Attachments 2 and 3)


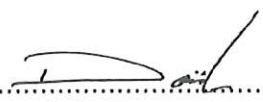
SA Country Fire Service (CFS) has recently commenced discussions with SES about the feasibility of using a portion of the land to relocate its Region 2 Headquarters from its current temporary location at Roseworthy.

Incorporation of CFS on the site provides opportunities for improved collaboration and potential to share facilities. CFS requirements have not been specified or confirmed at this time.

It is not possible to provide any definitive response to the Town of Gawler about how the site will be used, or the timing of any developments until Government approves the establishment of a new SES unit.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you note the contents of this briefing note.
2. That you consider the draft letter to Cr David Hughes advising that emergency services sector plans for the site are still being considered.

<b>Contact Officer:</b>  David Carman <b>General Manager</b>  Phone: 0429 071 821  Date: 2 / 10 / 2019	<b>Approved by:</b>   ..... <b>Chris Beattie</b> <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> <b>SASES</b>  2 / 10 / 2019	<b>Noted by:</b> Received 17/10/19   ..... <b>Dominic Lane</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> <b>SAFECOM</b>  17/10/2019
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From: David Hughes <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2019 8:45 PM  
To: AGD:Minister Wingard <[MinisterWingard@sa.gov.au](mailto:MinisterWingard@sa.gov.au)>  
Subject: Town of Gawler visit and SES Gawler station

Dear Minister Wingard

Thank you for your visit today and interest in recreation improvements for Gawler.

I hope you get a chance to have a look at the materials we supplied and if you have any questions or future opportunities to let us know.

One matter that I did not ask was how the new SES unit for Gawler was going?

We have had a lot of interest from past and future SES members in a unit for Gawler, which has been collected over the last three years from information sessions and 'expression of interest' forms from the annual Gawler Show.

As Gawler is a junction of two rivers, the North and South Para, we often have had serious issues with flooding. The SES do work well in conjunction with CFS units providing specialist chainsaw operators and skills such as swift water rescue however, the nearest unit is too far away at Salisbury. Therefore, I and many members of the Gawler community, believe that it would be beneficial for a unit to be established in Gawler.

Best Regards  
Cr David Hughes

Area Councillor Town of Gawler

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20EMS0260

Mayor Karen Redman  
Town of Gawler

By email: [Mayor@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:Mayor@gawler.sa.gov.au)

Dear Mayor Redman

Thank you for your correspondence received on 25 March 2020 regarding the establishment of a South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) unit in Willaston.

After receiving your correspondence I asked the SES for advice about this matter.

I appreciate your continued support for the valuable work undertaken by our emergency services volunteers in your council area. I am supportive of the concept of establishing additional emergency response capability in the greater Gawler area and have taken action to ensure that the valuable parcel of land on Gawler River Road in Willaston has been secured for future use by the emergency services.

Community safety remains one of my highest priorities, however the establishment of a new SES unit is a complex process. It is critical that any proposed developments are fully considered and comprehensively planned to ensure the long term benefit of local communities and the broader region.

I can advise that the matter of funding for the development of a new unit is currently being considered, along with other worthy projects, through the budget process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Corey Wingard".

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

3 / 5 / 2020





**TO MINISTER FOR POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**FOR NOTING/ SIGNATURE**

**RE: REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING IN THE 2020/2021 STATE BUDGET FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SES UNIT AT GAWLER**

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

SES Recommendation(s)	CO Initials	Minister's Response
		Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
Note the contents of this briefing.	<i>As</i>	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>
Consider and approve the attached draft response to Mayor Karen Redman	<i>As</i>	Approved / Not Approved / <u>Noted</u>

**Minister's Office use: Comments**

**Comments:**

*CMW*

Hon Corey Wingard MP

*3* / *5* / 2020

**ISSUE:**

Karen Redman, Mayor of the Town of Gawler, wrote to you seeking urgent consideration to include funding for establishment of a new SES unit at Gawler in your 2020-21 State Budget discussions.

## BACKGROUND:

The Town of Gawler has written to you on this matter twice before:

- Mayor Redman previously wrote to you on 14 May 2018 supporting establishment of a new SES unit at the then recently acquired land at Willaston and advocating for any surplus land on the site to be made available to the Gawler, Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club (refer 18EMS0068).
- Mr David Hughes, a councillor for Town of Gawler, sent you an email on 18 September 2019 requesting an update on progress towards establishment of a new SES unit at Willaston (refer 19EMS0219).

Similar correspondence supporting the establishment of a new unit has been received from Mr John Lawrence on 20 April 2018 (refer 18EMS0036), Mr Jan-Robbie Boddey on 27 July 2018 (refer 18EMS0127), Mr David Pollitt in August 2018 (refer 18EMS0149) and Mr John Lawrence again on 23 February 2020 (refer 20EMS0206).

## DISCUSSION:

Information supporting the need for establishing a new unit at Willaston was provided to you in the SES briefing accompanying a draft response to Mr John Lawrence earlier this month (20EMS0206). This briefing also contained estimates of one-off capital and ongoing recurrent associated with the establishment of a new SES unit.

As Mayor Redman's request is essentially the same as that of Mr Lawrence, it is recommended that a very similar response be provided.

## SUMMARY:

The briefing provided in response to 20EMS0206 concluded that moving forward is largely a matter of cost. The need is clear, the site has been purchased, there are volunteers waiting to join, and there is strong support from local government and the community.

A commitment to future funding, whether in 2020-21 or elsewhere in the forward estimates, would be a tangible demonstration of the Government's commitment to community safety in this rapidly developing part of the state. It would also provide the resources for the agency to address the growing and unsustainable increase in demand for SES services in this area; and would provide clarity and timelines for community tenants occupying parts of the site on peppercorn lease arrangements.

## SENSITIVE:

No

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Are there financial implications?	No
Identify the source(s) of funds	NA
Is there an FTE Impact?	No

Are there any implications arising from the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 No  
and/or Treasurer's Instructions?


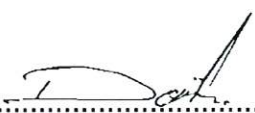
**MEDIA:** No

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:** No

**Contract Confidentiality Clause Inserted:** No

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft letter to Mayor Karen Redman

<b>Contact Officer:</b> David Carman Phone: 0429 071 821  Date: 14 / 04 / 2020	<b>Approved by:</b>  ..... <b>Chris Beattie</b> <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> <b>SASES</b>  15 / 04 / 2020	<b>Noted by:</b>  ..... <b>Dom Lane</b> <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> <b>SAFECOM</b>  22 / 04 / 2020
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Contact: Mayor Karen Redman

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18 March 2020

Hon Corey Wingard MP  
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services  
Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing  
GPO BOX 668  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister

I write in support of the establishment of a State Emergency Service (SES) Unit to be based in Gawler.

Gawler is now a major regional centre and with its growth at nearly 270 per year, a SES Unit will most definitely be an effective resource to assist with emergency services.

With the acquisition of land on Gawler River Road at Willaston from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure along with a number of trained SES volunteers who are willing to transfer from other areas, a SES unit could be developed into an effective and efficient operating unit.

I seek your urgent consideration to include the establishment of a SES Unit in Gawler in your 2020/21 State Budget discussions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Redman'.

**Karen Redman**  
Mayor

Telephone No: 8522 9221  
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19EMS0261  
Your Ref: 19/637525

Mayor Bim Lange  
The Barossa Council  
PO Box 867  
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Dear Mayor Lange

*Bim*

Thank you for your correspondence received on 31 October 2019 regarding the establishment of a State Emergency Service (SES) unit in Willaston.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the SES for advice about this matter.

The SES advise that a masterplan for the site at Lot 1 Gawler River Road, Willaston has been completed. Preliminary discussions have commenced with the Country Fire Service (CFS) about the possibility of utilising a portion of the site for the relocation of the CFS Region 2 Headquarters.

The establishment of a new SES unit and potential new CFS site is a complex undertaking. It is critical that any proposed developments are fully considered and comprehensively planned to ensure the long term benefit of the local community and broader region.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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The Hon Corey Wingard  
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services  
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**Letter of support – State Emergency Service Unit at Willaston**

To the Hon Corey Wingard

I write in support of the State Emergency Service proposal to establish an additional northern unit on Two Wells Road, Willaston.

Currently the closest unit to our region is located at Salisbury Heights – a distance which equates to at least a 30 minute response time, but also given the rapid development of the northern suburbs is one of the busiest units in the state. The Barossa region is also expanding with our population projected to steadily rise in our major townships over the next 15-30 years, as well as rapid growth with the residential development of Concordia.

The proposed addition of a SES unit at Willaston aligns with The Barossa Council's Community Plan 2016-2036 strategies:

2.4 Encourage and support volunteering in the community

2.12 Contribute to a safer community

3.2 Collaborate with private and public utilities providers to ensure infrastructure is adequate to support the community both now and into the future

To this end, I support the State Emergency Service in their proposal to establish a Willaston unit.

Sincerely,

Bim Lange  
Mayor, The Barossa Council



premium wine food tourism heritage lifestyle community

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 August 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** Marshall, Steven (DPC) <[Steven.Marshall@sa.gov.au](mailto:Steven.Marshall@sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I had the pleasure in meeting you a couple of weeks ago at an electorate gathering. Unfortunately you were very busy afterwards with lots of people wanting to talk to you and I was not able to explain our situation or ask for help.

I am the immediate past president of the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club. We have about 670 members many of whom reside in King and Newland.

We have been keen to obtain our own site for clubrooms and a men's shed for over twelve years and despite many promises from the previous government and councils we have not been successful to date.

We have identified a site at Willaston that was owned by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure but amidst negotiations it was transferred by the previous government to the Department of Emergency Services for use of the S.E.S.

We have had discussions with Mr. Graeme Wyndwood from S.E.S. who has conceded that they will not require all of the land and they could dispose of the residue that we are interested in, but would not make a decision until sometime in the future. We discussed with him all the different options and scenarios that may impact on the S.E.S. and nothing would prevent the disposal of the land we are interested in.

We have been raising funds over many years and are happy to pay for the land and the resub division. We are willing to house other community groups and honour any existing leases but we can't seem to get a green light.

As we have been waiting so very long and some of us are getting quite old is there any chance you could hurry things up?

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Salisbury





# PAULA LUETHEN MP

MEMBER FOR KING

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Hon Corey Wingard MP  
Minister for Police, Emergency Services &  
Correctional Services  
Minister for Recreation, Sport & Racing  
GPO Box 668  
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Dear Corey,

I write to you following some conversations I have been having with my local constituent, Steve Salisbury, who also serves at the President of the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club, (GVVCVC) in relation to vacant land at Lot 1, Gawler River Road, Willaston.

As you are already aware, GVVCVC has been in ongoing negotiations in relation to a parcel of land which is currently owned by the State Emergency Service (SES). This has been a long-term negotiation and GVVCVC is eager to purchase the portion of land which the SES do not wish to use, to enable the club to build its clubrooms.

Mr Salisbury has explained that GVVCVC have been in contact with the SES and eventually met with SES Chief Officer, Mr Chris Beattie, on site to discuss when a decision on this land will be made and what the SES would require of the site.

I have attached some previous correspondence I have received from you, dated 4 January, 2019, in relation to this matter.

For the benefit of Mr Salisbury and the GVVCVC, are you able to respond to the following:

- Has the SES provided a masterplan for the site which highlights the details of how much land is required for it to perform its duties?
- Are you able to provide any further information about how the GVVCVC can work towards a negotiation with the SES over this particular site?

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Luethen MP  
23 August 2019

CC: Steve Salisbury

Encl: Minister Wingard letter (dated: 04/01/2019)

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18EMS0068

Ms Paula Luethen MP  
Member for King  
Suite 1, Level 1  
The Grove Shopping Centre  
GOLDEN GROVE SA 5125

Dear Ms Luethen

*Paula*

Thank you for your correspondence dated 6 December 2018 regarding the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club's (GVVCVC) interest in government owned land in Willaston.

As you are aware the land in question is currently in the process of being transferred to the SA State Emergency Service (SES). By obtaining this land, the SES aims to enhance its emergency response capabilities to service the outer northern suburbs of Adelaide. A detailed site masterplan is currently being developed for the site to identify how much of the land area is needed to perform these functions.

I am unable to consider the subdivision of the Willaston site until a thorough masterplan for the site has been prepared by SES. I expect that process will be completed by March 2019.

Again, thank you for raising this matter with me and for your ongoing support for emergency services activities in your area.

Yours sincerely

*Corey Wingard*

**Hon Corey Wingard MP**  
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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19EMS0208

Ms Paula Luethen MP  
Member for King

By email: [king@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:king@parliament.sa.gov.au)

Dear Ms Luethen

Thank you for your correspondence received on 2 September 2019, to the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, on behalf of your constituent, Mr Steve Salisbury, President of the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club, regarding the possible purchase of vacant land in Willaston to build club rooms.

Your correspondence is receiving consideration.

Yours sincerely

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 **Office Manager**  
OFFICE OF THE HON COREY WINGARD MP

5 / 9 / 2019



**TO MINISTER FOR POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE**

**RE: ENQUIRY REGARDING A CLUBROOM SITE FOR THE GAWLER CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB ON SES LAND**

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**ISSUE:**

Mr Steve Salisbury has contacted both Ms Paula Luethen MP Member for King and the Premier seeking further information about SES plans for utilisation of land owned at Lot 1, Gawler River Road, Willaston.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mr Salisbury is the immediate past president of the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club (GVVCVC), a club of approximately 670 members. The GVVCVC had discussions with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) in 2017 with a view to procuring a portion of the site at Willaston which was, at that time, surplus to DPTI requirements.

Premier and Cabinet Circular PC114 requires that expressions of interest be sought from other government agencies and the relevant local council prior to making surplus government properties available for sale on the open market.

SES had been actively seeking land in the Gawler/Willaston area to establish a new unit to meet the rapidly growing demands in the outer northern suburbs. Subsequently you approved the purchase of a land parcel which was transferred to SES in mid-2018.

Previous correspondence to you about the GVVCVC interest in the Willaston property (refer 18EMS0068) included:

- Letter from Karen Redman, Mayor of the Town of Gawler in May 2018 expressing support for allowing the balance of land not required by SES to be used by the GVVCVC, and
- Email from the Member for King in October 2018 seeking advice on progress on the sale of land to the GVVCVC, next steps and timeframes.

Your response to the Member for King stated that you were unable to consider subdivision of the site until a masterplan had been completed by SES.



## DISCUSSION:

A site plan of the land in question is shown in Attachment 1 and SES has prepared a masterplan which indicates that a portion of this land could be made available to other parties (refer Attachments 2 and 3).

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) has recently commenced discussions with SES about the feasibility of using this land to relocate its Region 2 Headquarters from its current temporary location at Roseworthy.



Incorporation of the space requirements of CFS will likely result in a need to review the SES masterplan, and will clearly affect, if not eliminate completely, any residual space that could be made available to other parties.

Even if CFS were to determine the site unsuitable, SES would not be able to negotiate directly with GVVCVC for it to purchase any surplus land due to the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC114 and requirements for sale on the open market. There could be no guarantee that GVVCVC would be the successful purchaser.

Making the site available to community groups would best be achieved through lease arrangements.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you note the contents of this briefing note;
2. That you consider the draft letter to the Member for King advising that emergency services sector plans for the site are still being considered.

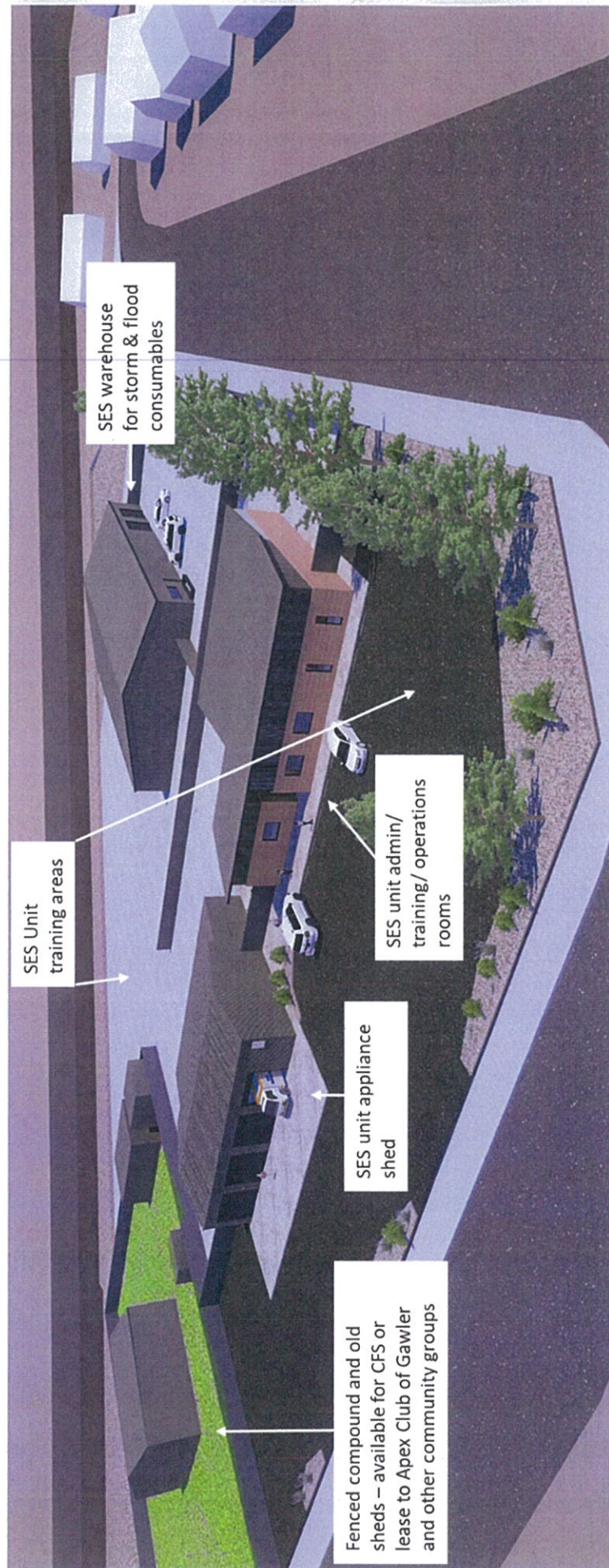
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Willaston land parcel









**Site plan showing area required by SASES (green)**

- Areas available to CFS or others (shaded blue and yellow)
- Area currently leased by Apex Club (shaded blue) – pepper



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Mr Stephen Salisbury

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Salisbury

Thank you for your correspondence received on 2 September 2019 to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP regarding the State Emergency Service (SES) site at Willaston. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities the Premier has asked me to respond on his behalf.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the SES for advice about this matter.

I am advised that the SES has now completed a masterplan for the site at Willaston that has identified surplus land that could potentially be made available to other users.

I am further advised that the Country Fire Service (CFS) has recently commenced preliminary discussions with the SES about the possibility of using the surplus area to relocate their Region 2 Headquarters facilities from their present temporary location at Roseworthy.

While I am extremely supportive of the excellent work done by all local clubs and community groups, as Minister for Emergency Services my first priority in relation to the utilisation of this land must be to provide for the needs of the Emergency Services Sector.

I am advised that in the event the CFS does not progress with the current discussions, the SES may be in a position to resume discussions regarding tenure options.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

25 / 9 / 2019

Cc: Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier  
Ms Paula Luethen MP, Member for King





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16 April 2019

Hon Corey Wingard MP  
Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services  
GPO Box 668  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Mr Wingard,

Members of the Gawler Apex Club have been in contact with my office to raise concerns over their potential displacement once their current lease on the SES Willaston site expires.

Please find attached a letter from the Gawler Apex Club, which your office will have received on a separate occasion.

Your examination of this matter and subsequent response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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**JOHN DAWKINS**



## APEX CLUB OF GAWLER INC.

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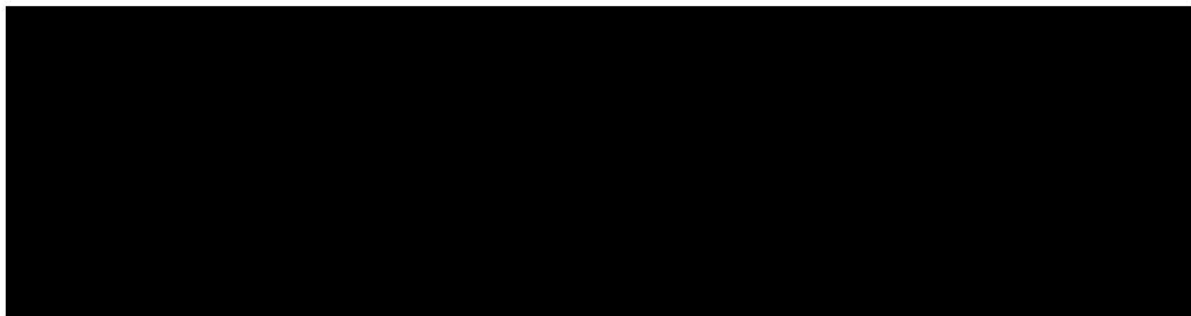
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RE: State Emergency Service

Willaston SA – new SES Site

I am writing to you as the current tenant of the SES Willaston Site. As you would probably be aware, we were granted a lease to use site now owed by the SES.

We, the Gawler Apex Club are a not for profit local service club established in 1951 by a group of community minded individuals. The Gawler Apex Club has had a long and distinguished history of providing service and assistance to the Gawler Community as well as assisting other communities. In recent times the Gawler Apex Club has:



This is in addition to many, many service projects and fundraising activities over the last 68 years. For more information on the Gawler Apex Club go to:

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/gawler\\_history/sets/72157695411228721](https://www.flickr.com/photos/gawler_history/sets/72157695411228721)

Grow – Learn – Make Friends – and have fun – whilst helping others

Additionally, the Apex Club of Gawler provide service to the Gawler Community by hosting and organising the Australia Day Breakfast and Ceremony and the Gawler Carols by candlelight.

We understand that it is not likely that our current lease for the Willaston site will be renewed and that the main shed located on the site will be demolished. Unfortunately, we do not have any alternative location in which we can store our club's equipment and hold meetings.

Until the shed is scheduled to be demolished, we request that the lease continue as 'holding over' until such time as is necessary.

Furthermore, we request that consideration be given to allowing the Gawler Apex Club to:

1. Have continued and ongoing use of the remaining sheds (being the larger and smaller one) located on the site; or alternatively
2. Granting Apex Gawler, a long term lease with respect to approximately 1500m2 of some of the balance land on which we could construct new facilities (new shed).

We would be happy to meet with your or your representative to discuss any alternative.

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I look forward to your response

Raff Stomaci



Club President

**TO MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES****FOR CONSIDERATION/SIGNATURE****RE: APEX CLUB OF GAWLER REQUESTS CLARIFICATION ON LEASE OF STATE  
EMERGENCY SERVICE'S PROPERTY AT WILLASTON****ISSUE:**

Mr Raff Stomaci of the Apex Club of Gawler wrote to you on 1 April 2019 requesting clarification on the future status of a lease the club holds over a portion of SES land at Willaston. The Apex Club also sought the support of the Hon. John Dawkins MLC who wrote to you on this same matter on 16 April 2019. The Apex Club are concerned that they will be displaced when their current lease expires on 30 June 2020 (refer 19EMS0115).

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2018 you approved the purchase of this land from DPTI as a strategic acquisition to provide future options for establishment of a new SES unit to address increasingly unsustainable demand for SES response services from the rapidly developing outer northern suburbs (refer ESS 18-3647).

The Apex Club has leased sheds on the site since 2015. This lease continued on transfer of the land to SES but expires on 30 June 2020.

The Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club has also expressed interest in acquiring a portion of this land. (refer 18EMS0068).

**DISCUSSION:**

The SES has commenced preparation of a masterplan for the site incorporating a new SES unit and other operational components.

Government funding support is, however, required before committing to establishment of a new SES unit. This would include capital funding for the unit buildings and major equipment, plus a small annual amount to fund operations.



As such, there is currently no reason to terminate the Apex Club lease prior to the current expiry date, but equally no basis to confidently estimate how long, or under what conditions the lease can be renegotiated beyond the current expiry.

SES has undertaken to maintain communication with the Apex Club regarding any developments that will affect the lease arrangements.



## RECOMMENDATION

1. That you consider the attached draft letter to Mr Raff Stomaci regarding his concerns.

<b>Contact Officer:</b> Graeme Wynwood Phone: 0408 254 793 Date: 13 / 05 / 2019	Received by CE 27 / 5 / 2019  ..... Chris Beattie CHIEF EXECUTIVE SAFECOM 27 / 5 / 2019	Received by CO 27 / 05 / 2019  ..... Dermot Barry A/CHIEF OFFICER SASES 27 / 5 / 2019
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Mr Raff Stomaci

Dear Mr Stomaci

Thank you for your letter received on 15 April 2019 regarding the Apex Club of Gawler lease of a portion of SA State Emergency Service (SES) property at Willaston. As you may be aware, the SES assumed ownership of the property in 2018.

I am aware of the valued services your organisation provides to the local community and I am keen to support your club's excellent work to the extent possible. SES has advised that it too will work to accommodate your needs where practical.

As you no doubt appreciate the SES acquired the property at Willaston for community safety purposes in time, it is intended that the site be redeveloped to provide for the establishment of a new SES unit and operational facilities to address increasing demand for response services from the developing outer northern suburbs.

I am advised that the SES is currently considering how and when these facilities can be established on the available land parcel. No firm decisions have been made at this stage.

I appreciate that your current lease is due to expire on 30 June 2020 and I am advised by the SES that there is no risk to you of the lease being terminated before that date. At this time the SES are unable to make any firm commitment on an extension or on how long, or under what conditions such an extension might be offered.

The SES has advised me that Mr Graeme Wynwood (8115 3827) will contact you shortly to discuss this matter in more detail.

Thank you again for your organisation's dedication and commitment to your community.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

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cc: Hon John Dawkins MLC