



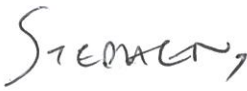
David SPEIRS MP

Member for Brighton



Hon Stephen Mullighan MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
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13 March 2015

Dear Minister 

BRIGHTON ROAD

I am writing to seek information about your department's plans for future improvements to the degraded surface of Brighton Road and to encourage that future upgrades be progressed as soon as possible.

Road surface

As you may be aware, a significant section of the southbound lane, from Sturt Road through to Arthur Street, was resurfaced last month. This has been warmly welcomed by the local community as it has resulted in a significant improvement in the driver experience. However, despite these improvements, the equivalent northbound section remains in very poor condition (in fact, this section has always been in poorer condition than the resurfaced southbound lanes) and is in need of urgent repair.

I have no doubt that there are real safety issues caused by the condition of the road, particularly the northbound section which runs between Edwards Street and Sturt Road. Motorbike riders have approached me with concerns that the breakdown in the surface poses risks for their safe maneuvering on the road.

Median strip

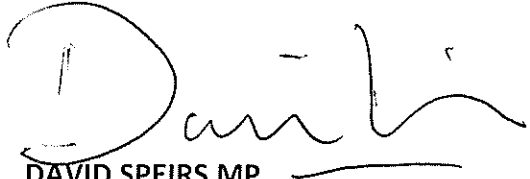
I also wish to raise the condition and poor visual amenity of the median strip on Brighton Road. The strip is unkempt, weed-ridden and breaking up right along the road, but in particular in the area which has been resurfaced.

I am canvassing the possibility of landscaping options to improve the aesthetics of the median strip, including the greening of the area (not with trees, which I understand pose safety concerns for the department, but with low lying shrubs), and while I acknowledge that this comes with ongoing maintenance requirements, I believe it would deliver a real aesthetic benefit for our city's main coastal thoroughfare. The greening of the area around

the Gallipoli Underpass on Anzac Highway is a great example of what your department has achieved in this regard.

I would appreciate your support in the continued improvement of Brighton Road, and I look forward to your response regarding the above matters.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Speirs'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

DAVID SPEIRS MP
Member for Bright