MITCHAM HILLS ROAD UPGRADE

INVESTING IN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

2036
By the time our State turns 200 years old, I want South Australia to be a place of prosperity.

Planning and delivering on my vision for a better future starts now.

This policy is just part of our plan to deliver a clear and responsible pathway to recovery and success.

See where it fits in below

1.0 GROWING OUR ECONOMY

2.0 THE BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM

3.0 BEING A HEALTHY STATE

4.0 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

5.0 BUILDING OUR STATE

  5.1 Taking a strategic focus on the future to plan for and deliver on the needs of South Australia in an efficient and sustainable way

  5.2 Prioritising the productive infrastructure that our State needs

  5.5 Ensuring our transport system is safe and responsive to the needs of users and good value for money

6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE

  6.1 Collaborating with police, emergency services and government agencies to deliver the best possible community safety outcome

7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE

9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT
“Upgrading the major road system through the Mitcham Hills is necessary to ease traffic congestion and provide a safer way for residents to escape a major bushfire.”
THE PROBLEM

The Mitcham Hills road corridor through Belair, Blackwood and Coromandel Valley desperately needs upgrading to improve safety for residents and commuters, reduce traffic congestion and mitigate risk in the event of a bushfire.

Increasing congestion and bushfire risk have been recognised as critical issues for almost a decade, but successive Labor Governments have refused to invest in essential infrastructure.

In 2006 the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure prepared a road management plan for Main Road (Belair Road to Shepherds Hill Road) and Shepherds Hill Road (Main Road to Seymour Street). The Plan was updated in 2015 – yet in the intervening period no major works have been undertaken to improve the road system.

This is despite a 2011 State Parliamentary Committee delivering a unanimous recommendation that substantial funds should be invested to improve road infrastructure in the Mitcham Hills.

The Committee heard evidence from the Sturt CFS that if there was a major weekend bushfire, there could be more than 8,500 vehicles fleeing an approaching front, causing “severe traffic congestion throughout the district and leaving road users in some areas at extreme risk”.

Traffic jams from the bottom of Old Belair Road and along Main Road through the centre of Blackwood to Blackwood roundabout are notorious, especial during peak periods.

More than 26,000 vehicles use the Blackwood roundabout daily.

It has received the second highest number of nominations through the RAA’s Risky Road Campaign. Common complaints are that the layout is confusing, signage is poor and there are inadequate pedestrian crossing opportunities.

However, funding to improve the Blackwood roundabout alone will not deliver the critical improvements the community desperately needs. Importantly, the Mitcham Hills road network needs to be considered holistically and funded accordingly.
THE STATE LIBERALS’ PLAN

Upgrading the Mitcham Hills road corridor will not only deliver improvements to community safety, it will also ease traffic congestion for thousands of commuters.

If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will invest $20 million into the Mitcham Hills road network to address urgent infrastructure needs, which includes improvements to the Blackwood roundabout.

We will continue to consult the Mitcham Hills community, taking into account all modes of transport: cars, buses, commuter trains, rail freight, bicycles and pedestrians, and adopt key recommendations of the Road Management Plan prepared by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) in 2015 (edition 2).

Specifically we will:

• Improve the safety and operation of the Main Road – Russell Street junction.

• Alleviate safety concerns and reduce traffic congestion at the intersection of Shepherds Hills Road – Brighton Parade / Waite Street.

• Upgrade lighting along key sections of the Mitcham Hills road corridor.

• Work with the City of Mitcham to prioritise road and safety upgrades throughout the Mitcham Hills road network, especially Coromandel Parade and parking in the Blackwood Centre.

• Work with DPTI to prioritise further road and safety upgrades throughout the Mitcham Hills road network, including the remaining recommendations of the Road Management Plan.

The substantial investment by a Liberal Government in this traffic bottleneck will deliver a critical improvement in community safety and ease frustrating delays for thousands of commuters.

Time spent in heavy traffic travelling to and from work is time that isn’t spent with families and friends.

Time spent in heavy traffic means businesses are less productive and have to charge more for their goods and services.

The Liberal’s plan for the Mitcham Hills road network will give back this time and put more money in your pocket.
“This is one example of the carefully targeted investment we will make in transport infrastructure to improve the quality and safety of people’s lives and deliver economic benefits.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader
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