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Dear Dr Close

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION**

I refer to your application pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) on 15 December 2020, seeking access to:

*“Number of and details of any complaints made in relation sand carting or sand trucking on Adelaide metropolitan beaches.”*

*Timeline: 01/07/2018 to 14/12/2020*

As confirmed with your office on 18 December 2020 the scope of the request was amended to:

*“Number of and details of any complaints made in relation sand carting or sand trucking on Adelaide metropolitan beaches (to be provided in list form and to exclude all identifiers of any person or organisation)”.*

*Timeline: between 01/07/2018 to 14/12/2020*

As the agency did not determine the application within 30 days of receiving it, by the operation of section 19(2)(b) of the FOI Act, the agency is taken to have determined the application by refusing access.

Section 19(2a) of the FOI Act, provides that an agency may give access to a document on an application after the period within which it was required to deal with the application (and any such determination is to be taken to have been made under this Act).

**DETERMINATION**

Searches of the department’s records have found that there is one (1) document held by this agency within the scope of your request.

As a DEW Accredited FOI Officer, I have determined to grant you full access to this document.

On this occasion the department is required to provide the determination electronically.

In accordance with [PC045 – Disclosure logs for Non-personal information](#) once a determination has been provided, the agency is required to make available on our website information and documents that have been disclosed. Information will be publicised online at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log>.

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

The department has assessed this application and has determined that there is no charge for processing this application pursuant to section 53(2)(b) of the Act and Regulation 6 of the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2020* which states that access to documents by Members of Parliament is without charge unless the work generated by the application exceeds the threshold stated in the regulations, currently \$1000.

## **YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your rights to internal review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation, by completing the attached 'FOI Application Form – For Internal Review of a Determination'. If you decide to apply to exercise your rights to review, the completed form must be returned within 30 days to:

Chief Executive (Principal Officer FOI)  
Department for Environment and Water  
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Should an FOI applicant believe an agency has failed to identify all of the documents within the scope of their FOI application, they can make a complaint to the Ombudsman under the Ombudsman Act 1972. Attachment 3 of this determination outlines this process.

If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact a Freedom of Information Officer on telephone (08) 8463 6625 or email [DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.FOI@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



## **MARTHA SAVVA**

Accredited Freedom of Information Officer, Department for Environment and Water

12 / 07 / 2021

Encl:   1. Document Schedule  
          2. Documents  
          3. FOI Fact Sheet - Your Rights to Review and Appeal  
          4. Sufficiency of Search – Factsheet – Ombudsman SA



**Freedom of Information application: F003178210 - Dr Susan Close MP**

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Timeline: between 01/07/2018 to 14/12/2020*

No	Date	Author	Document Description	Determination	Clause	Reason
1	1/7/2018-14/12/2020	DEW	Register of complaints made to DEW re sand carting	Release in Full		personal/organisation identifiers removed as per scope clarification
			Attachment 1 - Complaint 15			
			Attachment 2 - Complaint 18			
			Attachment 3 - Complaint 19			

Number	Date of Original complaint	Submitted by (descriptor only) (Member of Parliament, Member of Public, Organisation, Federal/State/Local Government department)	Complaint type (Letter, phone call)	Extract of entire body of complaint (or those complaints that can not be copied and pasted, please state ['Attached, number'] as per column A -name the file name of the attachment to the corresponding number)	complaint received by (source)
1	23-Mar-18	Member of Public	Email	<p>I wish to complain about the ongoing disgraceful management of West Beach over the years that the [REDACTED] took over. For most of my [REDACTED] years I have swum, run and walked along the area from the caravan park to just past the Lifesaving club. I am trying to admire your "world class facilities from the verandah of the club, but all I see is the discoloured water from the growing sludge outlets which spew contaminated storm water to protect the Padawolunga lake and upper class Glenelg and its developers. I also note that the sand level is now way down to about 10m to 15m below me causing the shocking erosion of the shoreline. The only sand this area gets is the filthy sludge sand dug out from the marina and dumped out of sight behind the world class caravan park. If only the tourists knew what they were swimming in!</p> <p>Maybe its time for a Today Tonight investi gation of the bias of the board and how it keeps sweeping the rubbish under the carpet of what was once the cleanest and best beach in Adelaide.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	[REDACTED]
2	29-Jul-18	Member of Public	Email	<p>The current method of pumping a sand / water mixture onto the beaches is clearly highly damaging. Whenever sand is pumped a brown mess washes backwards and forwards along the foreshore and a considerable distance out to sea. The results of this are clearly visible as far out as Seacliff Reef, where sand chokes weed and sponge growth. At present this mess is clearly visible in the Brighton / Seacliff area. Stormy weather makes the spread of the sand worse.</p> <p>The older process off using trucks to deposit sand and then spreading it where it was needed was clearly much more effective and less damaging. The Government needs to scrap the sand pumping process and return to the previous method of replenishment.</p> <p><b>DEW Response:</b></p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence, received on 29 July 2018, regarding the use of pipelines to replenish Seacliff and Brighton beaches. I also have a keen interest in the management of our metropolitan beaches, and is one of the reasons that the Government has committed to the New Life for our Coastal Environment policy. We are committing to additional beach replenishment in 2018-19 and 2019-20, and to improve our long-term sand management into the future.</p> <p>I asked the Department for Environment and Water (the Department) to investigate the issues you raised in your correspondence. The Department has asked that the contractor who undertakes the sand pumping to do a further turbidity test to ensure the sand and seawater slurry discharge is of a satisfactory level.</p> <p>In terms of how the sand is transferred to the beaches, the Department advises that pumps and pipelines were introduced into sand management due to the impact that the trucks were having on parts of the Adelaide foreshore.</p> <p>The amount of sand recycled from Glenelg is designed to match the northern littoral drift rate. Using the pump system and discharging onto the sandy beach allows smaller, regular (annual) replenishment that maintains the beaches and dune buffers compared with larger trucking operations. The pipeline system also has the advantage of distributing sand more evenly to the areas that erode because of the many discharge points along the pipeline. The pumping of sand also replenishes beach areas that are inaccessible by trucks.</p> <p>All of the sand is sourced from the lower beach at Glenelg and there are no external contaminants being added to the beach system. Spreading the deposition of sand in smaller amounts along the Kingston Park to Glenelg coast means the sand and seawater slurry has only a very short duration nearshore impact at each discharge location. There is routine turbidity testing at the discharge sites to ensure compliance with recreational water quality standards.</p> <p>If the Department were to truck the same amount of sand that was pumped in 2017, it would require around 10,000 truck movements over three months, at a rate of up to 100 truck movements per day on suburban roads and beaches. The use of pumps and pipelines have reduced the impact that the trucks (and their associated excavators and bulldozers) were having on local residents, roads, and beach users; improved noise volumes, amenity, and safety at the beaches; and allowed for a safer replenishment method.</p>	DEW
3	24-Oct-18	Member of Public	Phone call	Trucks are speeding. He has been advised by police that the speed limit for trucks are 25 km/ h. but he is thinking trucks are driving too fast	DEW
4	22-Nov-18	Member of Public	Email	For six years now we have continued to see the degradation of the sand dunes between Cottesloe and Rockingham Streets at West Beach. This really began when the top of the stable sand dune was pushed into the sea when the sand pipe line was laid through the dunes. We are tired of promises and look for some sincerity and combined approach to resolve the issue which continues to be neglected by bodies who have responsibilities for public areas.	MEW

				No private concern would be allowed to operate in such a manner. This morning a small machine continues to knock the dune down into the sea to provide safer access. It would have been easier to close the beach. Please for the sake of our younger ones could we make this an area a priority. I can't accept we cannot do better!	
5	7-Jan-19	Member of Public	Email	I am a resident on the [REDACTED]. The beach is currently in very bad condition with a lot of sand washed away and rocks exposed. I have been living there for [REDACTED] and have not seen it in that condition. Normally sand replenishment takes place in about November but it did not take place this year. Could you please let me know what action is being taken to rectify the problem.	MEW
6	8-Mar-19	Member of Public	Phone call	Resident on [REDACTED] complaining about their amazing view has been blocked with buttrose truck . She also expected to receive letter about this work	DEW
7	12-Mar-19	Member of Public	Phone call	Resident who lives on [REDACTED] and is unhappy about the noise of the trucks driving past his house	DEW
8	12-Mar-19	Member of Parliament	Email	Condition of West Beach and difficulty for a constituent, [REDACTED], to access the beach	MEW
9	15-Mar-19	Member of Parliament	Email	Wrote on behalf of constituent, [REDACTED], about noise from sand carting trucks along Military Rd Tennyson	MEW
10	11-Jul-19	Member of Parliament	Email	Sand carting campaign from Semaphore to Largs Bay jetties and creation of beach access path for trucks	MEW
11	31-Jul-19	Member of Public	Email	Email to DEWCoasts: Hi  Can you please see the 2 satellite images of Largs bay taken out the front of Kanowna Rd in 2009 and 2019 (date at bottom of page and Eleven years apart) and NIL sand build up. Once the sand has been taken and the 1st and only substantial sand dune has been eroded by the sea water the water will flow all the way to the base of the walking track as the remaining dunes are actually in a hollow. When a storm hits currently the water washes along the walking track all the way to the base of the walking track now. Imagine when there is no dunes.  Largs bay-Sema4 will end up like West Beach.  To say the sand is not good enough to use on the northern side of Largs Jetty up towards North haven breakwater I don't believe. This has been said for cost saving only. The other item you are using is a photo image from 1949 to now. You can only use imaging since the breakwater at Point Malcolm reserve has been built as this changed the beach forever. Look at Sema4 south now. It's a total disaster.  West Beach and Henley were always going to have not sand. That's obvious to anyone. I invested in largs bay because of the beach and you want to destroy it.  So please show me actual imaging of where the new high tide will be after year 3 of sand carting not year 1.  [REDACTED]	DEW

12	22-Aug-19	Member of Public	Email	<p>I believe Sand Carting is going to commence in October and go through to December, from Semaphore to Henley Beach/West Beach, and recommence in February.</p> <p>I am wondering what route these noisy trucks are going to take? If you could give me this information please.</p> <p>I believe the trucks on the road are an Environmental disaster, the noise they make, also the fact that our infrastructure cannot cope with heavy vehicles on the roads. Not only the roads but our homes.</p> <p>In the past the route taken has gone along Military road to the Boulevard and then along Tapleys Hill road. Can I confirm this will be the situation again.? As travelling along Military Road even to Trimmer Parade is an environmental nightmare. Trimmer Parade is not a good road for trucks such as these to drive on and then they have to manoeuvre the railway crossing at Seaton by doing a right hand turn. Travelling through Grange is dangerous, even cars can normally only drive at 40 KM an hour because of the congestion.</p> <p>The noise will be unbearable for older people such as myself who stay at home all day, not so bad for people going to work.</p> <p>I wonder if the powers to be have considered this? I would appreciate any feedback you may have. Thank you.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	DEW
13	22-Aug-19	Member of Public	Phone call	<p>Esplande resident located [REDACTED] Janet Pryor (DEW) notes from phone conversation with [REDACTED]</p> <p>Main concerns about development act issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has there been development approval given by someone – or if not, why hasn't it gone to the DAC? Including development approval for 'mining on the beach' and installing a 'works depot' in the car park.</li> <li>- Also has queries about approvals for the road works required too (but mentioned he thinks we don't need development approval for that).</li> </ul> <p>Generally his view is that sand carting not working – he thinks we need groyne or breakwater installed further south to catch the sand.</p> <p>Noise issues Top of [REDACTED] is 35m from his bedroom Concerns about noise – he thinks what we are proposing is illegal and will break EPA noise guidelines</p> <p>Amenity issues Doesn't want trucks parked in [REDACTED] outside of his house 'works depot' Has also looked at Semaphore South breakwater location – and said it looks terrible. - Eg. Sand blowing into car park and he'll expect sand to blow into his property too.</p> <p>His suggestion is for trucks to access the existing road onto the beach north of the Largs jetty, and have trucks drive under the Largs jetty.</p> <p>Also queried why there has been no consultation, he only got the letter yesterday.</p>	DEW

14	26-Aug-19	Member of Public	Feedback form	<p>Having attended the community drop in session on the 26th August, our concerns are many. We would appreciate your answers to the following ....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- will there be a guarantee no damage will be caused to houses from the continual passing of heavy trucks?</li> <li>- will the government be responsible for any damage?</li> <li>- has consideration been given to the impact to residents of noise and air pollution?</li> <li>- how do shift workers manage sleep with 100 trucks per day expected to pass by?</li> <li>- will there be monitoring of these levels?</li> <li>- are there contingency plans if e.g. Hannay Street is unavailable?</li> <li>- will you be monitoring the condition of the roads?</li> <li>- in the budget, is money being allocated for repair work of roads and infrastructure?</li> <li>- who takes responsibility for the roads? .... DPTI or the council?</li> <li>- have you considered the valuation of properties and the impact on property sales?</li> <li>- what are the road classifications of the affected roads i.e. weight restrictions?</li> <li>- why has the signage regarding road weight limits been removed from the corner of Bower Road and The Esplanade? This sign referred to weight restrictions on The Esplanade.</li> <li>- how heavy are the trucks?</li> <li>- were alternate routes considered that would have less impact on residents? e.g. Jetty Street in lieu of Hannay Street?</li> <li>- was the truck entry point to Military Road considered? The configuration of Hannay Street, Military Road and Wills Street is difficult to manage and is dangerous.</li> <li>- travelling along the Esplanade to Jetty Road means less residents will be affected, Jetty Road is wider than Hannay Street and has easier access/ entry on to Military Road with a large roundabout.</li> <li>- we request a council building inspector to make a visual inspection of our house so we have evidence of its current condition before and after 2-3 years of passing heavy truck traffic.</li> <li>- huge concerns about lack of consultation with residents.</li> <li>- please look at the following statement from your website ...  "The announcement has been informed by research completed in 2018 by external consultants the Danish Hydraulics Institute (DHI) on behalf of the Department for Environment and Water, the Coast Protection Board, the City of Charles Sturt and West Beach Parks."  There is NO mention of The Port Adelaide Enfield Council.  Why has The Port Adelaide Enfield Council NOT been included in this research?</li> <li>- who will take responsibility for revegetating the sand dunes? Contractors? Or are you relying on the goodwill of volunteers?</li> </ul>	DEW
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				<p>- extremely disappointed with the lack of fight and support for the affected residents from the Port Adelaide Enfield Council.</p> <p>Whilst we certainly appreciated the opportunity to attend the community drop-in session on 26/8/19, we still seek answers to the above.</p> <p>We await your response.</p> <p>Thank you,  </p>	
15	26-Aug-19	Organisation	Email	<p><b>Semaphore Dunes Group representative - Refer to PDF attachment with detailed list of questions:  Questions 26082019</b></p>	DEW
16	28-Aug-19	Member of Public	Email	<p>I only heard of the meeting through a neighbour I never got a letter regarding it. Some of us are intent on getting a survey on the house and then a survey after two years and asked the representatives would we be compensated if structural damage to our homes were done and was told no and then retracted and said I can't tell you that. Why is it that only Hannay street is being used? It should be shared especially the length of time it will be. I asked one of the representatives and was told then a lot of other people would be unhappy. Also to the government only one street road to repair when finished saving money but too bad about the people in the street. Another representative actually laughed so I said I don't think that is funny and told him to stop smiling and laughing and treating it like a joke, he wouldn't like it if it was his home. I was going to name him but that would have been personal not that he didn't deserve to be. Very poor response. In fact most of the representatives treated people very poorly by not actually answering questions properly or no comment at all or they really didn't know and just made a generic answer. In fact as if it didn't matter what was asked as if it was a done issue. I live on the  so I am going to be even more affected. What about a test on the noise level of the trucks going past from 7.30 till 5 at night for 10 weeks twice a year for 2 years or possibly three?</p> <p>cont. What about the fact that the street is probably not built for heavy trucks has that been checked for load limits? Are there going to be signs regarding the trucks and speed or lollypop people directing the trucks as I have found when there has been a bus or big truck it has been difficult trying to turn into the Street and that hasn't really happened very often. Is it going to be an issue for shift work people. Is it going to affect people getting in and out of their garages with that amount of trucks going along the street. Is it going to create a build up of the trucks lining up in the street and sitting idling making more noise. Gear shift change noise coming into the street. Has the project cost analysis benefit been done and if so taking into account doing it in other streets not just Hannay Street? I pay \$3278 a year rates and the government feel that it is alright to treat people who are retired and paying that sort of money after being here for 22 years and want to be able to stay in their own house without this type of disruption and noise and more than likely damage to our homes. There needs to be more consultation that this needs to be spread over other streets not penalising one lot of people for so long. I am sure this</p>	DEW

wouldn't happen if there was a politician or public servant living in this street. Totally disgusted at the way the people that went to the so called meeting were treated. All in separate sections instead of having a formal discussion where everyone was seated and able to hear each person concerns and how the representatives answered the questions as there were different answers from the representatives Most people went away totally unhappy and disgusted about the whole event. Even to have a paper there asking people on a separate paper questions and answers to tick about how it was run. Nobody really cared about that it was the main issue that mattered. [REDACTED]

17	2-Sep-19	Member of Public	<p><b>Email to Neil McFarlane</b>  Subject: Concerns raised at Community Information Drop-in session re sand carting from Semaphore and Largs Bay beaches  Dear Neil  I spoke to you recently at the Community Information Drop-in at the Port Districts Football Clubrooms on Woolnough Road on Monday 26th August.</p> <p>At that session I raised a number of concerns relating to the sand carting proposal between Semaphore and Largs Bay Jetties. I submit this letter in response to your invitation for written feedback.</p> <p>I have been a resident on the Largs Bay coastal strip for more than [REDACTED]</p> <p>I list here my concerns, and possible alternatives solutions:  A. Concerns:  1. There will be approximately 3800 fully-laden trucks travelling down Hannay Street over each of three to four proposed ten-week carting periods. (8 trucks per hour, 9.5 hours a day, 5 days a week, 10 weeks.) If this is to be repeated three to four times in two years, the total will be 11,400 to 15,200 trucks. This number of trucks is excessive and irresponsible and the use of only Hannay Street for full trucks is inequitable to its ratepayers.  2. The volume of trucks to be used would impact considerably on the condition of the roads.  3. This is a residential street not suitable for this kind of traffic.  4. Our house is [REDACTED] and its heritage cannot be replaced. The vibration of the trucks would most likely impact the foundations and structure of our home, as well as all other homes on [REDACTED]; there is no recent (or even mid-century) construction on the street.</p> <p>cont.  5. We purchased our home on this quiet street to retire in peace at this beautifully stretch of beach.  6. The proposal is four ten-week periods of carting over two years. That equates to 40 weeks, almost a year of sand-carting and trucking out of two.</p> <p>A. Solutions:  • In the interests of equitable distribution of detrimental impacts, I believe there are a number of streets in the area which would be as suitable for truck traffic as Hannay Street. Anthony Street is as wide, and has no roundabout, and Derby Street might be acceptable. The roundabout at Hall Street is being modified for this project, so others can be modified also.  • Purchase sand for West Beach. The coarsest and best sand for a positive outcome at West Beach could be achieved. This has been done elsewhere in Australia to good effect.  • Use barges to load sand at Largs Bay/Semaphore and ship it to West Beach. This has also been undertaken elsewhere to positive effect.</p> <p>B. Concerns:  7. I found no evidence of a longitudinal study undertaken to determine whether the sand carted to West Beach would not wash back over time. Sand carting from Semaphore South beach to West Beach has been ongoing for years and has had no remedial effect. When I asked one of the project engineers on the night why this sand carting effort would work for West Beach, his only answer was that twice as much sand would be taken from our</p>	DEW

beaches for West Beach. I am not sure why he thought that was an answer to our question.

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B. Solutions:

- Bring forward the pipeline construction
- Build groynes at West Beach. Although this is a more expensive option, the effect would be permanent. This should have been done decades ago.

C. Concerns:

8. There was no evidence in the proposal information of consideration being given to the health, welfare and safety of Semaphore and Largs Bay residents. Our residential streets are populated by tourists, cyclists, elderly residents, students, children and pets who will all be in considerable danger from the diesel fumes, particulates and noise from the ten-week long trucking periods.

9. I understand from the proposal information that our beaches will remain 'open' during the sand carting exercises. I found no evidence at the information session about how this could possibly be a safe or attractive option.

C. Solution:

- Extensive consultation with residents, homeowners, business owners, local community groups and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council should have been undertaken.

These are legitimate and reasonable concerns. I don't believe the various detrimental impacts on the Semaphore/Largs Bay environment, and on the health, welfare and safety of residents and beach users has been considered. I understand from the information provided that these trucks will not be travelling on residential streets to deposit the sand at West Beach. I further understand that the sand-carting proposal accepted by the Government was initiated by the Charles Sturt Council and the West Beach Caravan Park.

cont. As a member of the [REDACTED] group, I am personally committed to the health and conservation of our local natural environment in consultation with the Government and other beachside councils, rather than to the exclusion of them.

18	3-Sep-19	Member of Public	Email	<p>Janet Prior Department for Environment and Water 3/9/2019</p> <p>Dear Ms Prior</p> <p>Re: Sand Mining on Semaphore Beach</p> <p>We confirm our attendance at the recent Public Meeting on 25th August 2019. We are the [REDACTED].</p> <p>The meeting on Monday 25 August was unhelpful.</p> <p>Members of the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council repeatedly stated that the matter was not in their hands and there was nothing they could do. Representatives of DEW repeatedly stated there was full consultation with council who (apparently) have no issues with any aspect of the project. Various different representatives of DEW gave conflicting answers to the detail of the project at Semaphore and unhelpful answers concerning as to why alternative methods of controlling sand erosion at West Beach and Henley South are not being undertaken.</p> <p><b>Viable alternatives</b> Please note that we are fully supportive of the need to maintain Adelaide's coastline but the ongoing removal of sand from Semaphore to West Beach as the main solution is not the answer. The new pipeline from Semaphore to West Beach will not solve the problem of the sands rapid drift northward. It is only designed to make to removal of sand more efficient.</p> <p>At the meeting on the 25th we were told that planning for the "new" sand to be brought in had not started. A source had not been finalised and no dredge or pump had been obtained. We were also told that groynes or breakwaters to slow sand movement had been dismissed as solutions.</p> <p>Your own publication "Adelaide's Living Beaches" identifies 13 alternative management strategies to deal with the issue and concludes that Strategy 11, sand recycling combined with structures and replenishment with newly sourced coarse sand should be the basis of beach management for 2005 – 2025. The structures referred to are a series of groins and breakwaters to slow sand movement and protect the most damaged sections of coastline. Unless sand movement is slowed a few strong storms (particularly if winds are severe at high tide) the sand trucked in October will be washed off West Beach by early next year.</p> <p>As Albert Einstein said "the definition of insanity is repeating the same task over and over again and expecting a different result"</p> <p>The movement of sand northward is already impeded by the additional Patawolonga structure, the Boat Harbour at West Beach, the mouth of the Torrens, the various jetties and the Point Malcolm Breakwater. Additional measures (structures) could be designed and constructed as a priority to remediate some of the damage several of these have caused to sections of beach to the north of them, and slow sand movement throughout the system.</p> <p>DEW current position appears to be to reject the conclusions of its own report. Several DEW representatives spoke strongly at the meeting about the need to do the Semaphore sand carting by truck at least 3 if not 4 times. They also opposed any further breakwaters of groynes, stating these structures will not be built. Is this truly the Department's position and can this be reconsidered?</p> <p>If new sand is sourced now and placed on effected beaches, the installation of the pumping system is prioritised, and structures designed to slow sand movement are prioritised, no further large scale sand carting by semitrailer from Semaphore to southern beaches should be required beyond 2019.</p> <p><b>Effect upon our amenity</b> We, and our immediate neighbours, will be in the unique position once sand carting starts of not only having one heavy truck movement passed our homes every 6 minutes but two movements, one when a truck arrives and one when a truck departs One heavy vehicle movement every 3 minutes on every day of the operation.</p> <p>Re Carpark – Works Depot</p>	DEW
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No-one could tell me the precise dimensions of the works depot or how many is the small number of car parks at the northern end that will be lost. The equivalent depot at Point Malcolm is 15 m by 25 m and contains two enormous pieces of equipment, some smaller equipment, plus a transportable hut. Presumably the hut contains toilets and lunch room.

The machinery is so large that it will not fit at the northern end of the carpark which is only 8m wide. The southern end and middle of the carpark is 15m wide and could accommodate the depot but would result in the loss of car parks on both sides of the park if the thoroughfare is to be wide enough for a sand truck and other vehicles to traverse. I estimate a loss of about 35 carparks (out of a current total of about 130). I also anticipate possible further loss of carparks at the northern end to facilitate the reversing of the sand trucks along the road to the beach.

My real fear is that it will all become too hard and the equipment will be stored unfenced on the sand dunes adjacent to the car park or near the beach resulting in further significant degradation of the dunes, and a safety hazard to children who disregard the warning signage. This has already occurred at West Beach adjacent to the Henley Sailing Club where last Sunday we witnessed young boys playing on the heavy equipment parked on the dunes.

#### Queuing

No-one from DEW could give a straight answer as to where the trucks would queue while waiting to be loaded (presumably Hall Street or the Esplanade). Vehicles waiting their turn at the Point Malcolm quarry queue in Bower Road.

#### Sand Drift

No-one from DEW could give an explanation as to what would be done to prevent sand erosion and drift along the new road in the indefinite future.

Sand drift is a significant problem at Point Malcolm and if you have not seen it recently I invite you to have a look at the amount of sand spilling into the carpark.

#### Start Time

Your leaflet "Advance Notice of Works" indicated that trucks will operate from 7.30 am. It does not mention whether this also applied to the heavy machinery stored in the work depot. I have been previously informed by the manager of the Semaphore Caravan Park of problems at Point Malcolm with early starts disturbing his guests and requiring him to seek the assistance of the Charles Sturt Council to rectify the problem.

#### Road Modification

We have been unable to obtain a detailed plan of the modifications to traffic calming devices on the Esplanade, and in particular which traffic calming devices are to be removed and when will they be replaced. We do not know if Norfolk Island Pine trees will be removed or trimmed.

We enclose a detailed schedule of specific questions. We were not able to obtain answers, or consistent answers, to many of these at the meeting of Monday 25th August.

Please provide a rapid response to these Urgent Questions:

1. Will you please confirm that no motor vehicles, plant, equipment or temporary building will be permitted to drive or be placed on any portion of the sand dunes (other than the designated roadway) at any time?
2. Please confirm that sand will only be mined from the beach and not directly from the dunes. How close will mining be permitted from the dunes?
3. Do you agree that the October school vacation is between Friday 28th September and Sunday 13th October and will you confirm that no work will be undertaken during this period? This includes extraction and cartage of sand, construction of roadway or works depot, or moving heavy vehicles around the beach, sand dune area or carpark.

Do you agree that the December school vacation commences on Friday 13th December? Will you please confirm that:

- (a) all work will conclude prior to that date;
- (b) all plant and equipment, vehicles and transportable buildings will be removed from the beach, sand dunes and carpark prior to that date;
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19	19-Sep-19	Member of Public	Email referred to DEW	<p>Email to [Redacted] with: 19092019 [Redacted] list of questions on behalf of residents from Semaphore - [Redacted] asked DEW to reply directly</p> <p>Refer to email saved in Enquiries folder: 19092019 [Redacted]</p>	City of Port Adelaide Enfield

20	2-Oct-19	Member of Public	Email	<p>Ms Janet Prior DEWcoast@sa.gov.au</p> <p>PRIORITY URGENT</p> <p>Regarding the route for carting sand from between the Semaphore and Largs JettIES. Reducing the impact of Sand Carting through residential streets and determinING the least impactful route.</p> <p>At public meetings DEW representatives have suggested DEW would take measures to reduce as much as possible the impact of sand carting on residents properties and the reasonable enjoyment of the amenity of those properties and surrounding area.</p> <p>Shortening the route to the minimum needed is crucial to reduce the impact of mental anguish, suffering and risk of injury inflicted on residents, decrease road dangers and mitigate likely structural damage to historical houses. Although this would not mitigate the damage and environmental impact to Semaphore Beach with which the Community is outraged, it would reduce some of the trauma to the Community and make the heavy vehicles on the road inflict the minimum impact possible under the circumstances.</p> <p>MITIGATE DANGERS OF mental anguish, suffering and risk of injury inflicted</p> <p>In the interests of minimising the danger to residents and the general public, should sand carting go ahead between Semaphore and Largs Jetties, it will be less hazardous to send the trucks by the shortest route possible via Derby Street than having to fight upstream, further north, to Hannay Street - which is a circuitous route taking them away from their destination.</p> <p>Derby Street has a roundabout that is about undergo modification to enable carting and is likely to undergo further deterioration during the trucking. Modifying the roundabout or removing it to enable use of Derby Street, will virtually eliminate co-mingling of the fully loaded Heavy Vehicles with pedestrians, cyclists, cars/ sightseers along The Esplanade, which is a popular tourist route. There is a heavy density of families and children, bikes and skateboards, people walking dogs, people backing out of driveways, kids running across roads, joggers, mothers pushing prams, parked cars with doors opening on the beachside (left) up The Esplanade which is where the full sand trucks will be hauling their loads.</p> <p>To expand further, Derby Street is at the end of the car park being proposed to be used for sand trucks to access to the beach. Utilising Derby Street will keep the trucks hauling their loads almost entirely OFF The Esplanade, which is the heaviest risk zone. The empty incoming trucks coming down Hall Street go across the Esplanade into the car park at the Southern end of the car park and the outgoing trucks hauling their loads exit out the Northern end of the car park and would swing immediately right onto Derby Street and exit out of the area by the most efficient route and will avoid travelling on The Esplanade.</p> <p>I reinforce though that the plan for this volume of traffic in this busy stretch of residential and public leisure area is dangerous and should not go ahead at all. The beach and surrounding area is our 'Glenelg' beach. It is why people come to our area, the Jewel in the Crown of Port Adelaide Enfield. This section beach is the most popular and attracts not only locals but services all of the Northern Suburbs beach goers who pour into Semaphore via the Port River Expressway.</p> <p>By persisting to use the proposed the Hannay Street circuitous route the complicated intersection at Hannay Street/Military Road, where Woolnough Road and Wills Street, the Bowls Club drive, and the Service Station on the Corner of Wills Street all intersect at close proximity, further confound safety as cars come up quickly on those roads and turn in all directions (see diagram). Conversely, turning onto Military Road from Derby Street as opposed to Hannay Street, is a straightforward intersection and the road opposite, Claire Street, is an extremely quiet one.</p> <p>Conjunctly the direct route via Derby Street will save six hundred (600) metres of travel equating to 7,200km – 12,000km for the two year (2) project for the planned 12,000 to 20,000 trucks. Costs for infrastructure may be considered against the saving of expected kilometres and time as well as the savings for road repairs caused by the extra kilometres that would be travelled by the circuitous Hannay Street route.</p> <p>Taking the direct route via Derby Steet will reduce the number of disrupting weeks by five (5) to eight (8) weeks!</p> <p>[As, if the trucks are averaging 30km/hr (with the turns and stops they would be travelling no faster and probably at lesser speed) along the extra six</p>	DEW
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Note; The section of The Esplanade away from West Beach up to Hannay Street is an additional 300 metres long. The returning section south down Military Road from Hannay to Derby is also an additional 300 metres long. Hannay Street itself has not been included in the calculation, as it does not add distance].

#### IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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More than a Hundred and Four ADDITIONAL! Households on the strip will be subjected to the Road Dangers, Stress, Noise Pollution, Diesel Exhaust Pollution due to the trucks hauling their loads Upstream up the coast (to Hannay Street) but could be saved their hardship as the extra burden of travel is not a requirement of the project by adopting the most direct route (via Derby Street)

Vulnerable houses with vulnerable foundations damage to heritage houses

Risk of Heavy Vehicle vibration subsidence from 12,000 – 20,000 Heavy Vehicles Filled to Capacity Hauling Loads

Hannay Street is a Heritage street with no post WWII houses – it is a walk back in history and rare example of Historical Architecture and of how streets used to look – measures should be taken to protect it.

Hannay Street is also 1 metre narrower than Derby St, the houses are older and therefore more fragile and they will be closer to the Heavy Vehicles resulting in an increased risk of ensuing damage, which is cumulative from the amplitude of vibrations transmitted to the homes' 100 + year old "partial" foundations. The foundations are not full slab like the post WWII houses (ie. some houses have no foundations at all, the wall sitting directly on the earth, a few courses below the ground. Some have only shallow brick or concrete foundations). Subsidence is a real possibility.

Hannay Street is maintaining TWENTY (20) Heritage Contributory Places, The Esplanade from Derby Street to Hannay Street maintains Eight (8) and Military Road from Hannay Street to Derby Street maintains Fifteen (15). So a total of 43 Contributing places, plus one State Heritage, that do not need to have, at best, their wear and tear added to or at worst risk of serious and uninsurable damage from vibration subsidence from the chronic loads. These buildings and their contribution to heritage do not need to be placed under threat by taking a circuitous lengthened route that adds them to the journey.

As the vibration damage to historical buildings is cumulative the Government will be adding extra decline to the longevity of these buildings.

By comparison, Derby Street which is wider maintains nine contributory places located on it's Southern Side, it is the Northern Side where the trucks will be travelling and the houses are mostly post WWII slab foundation construction and a vacant block.

As per DEW's Website -

"Damaging or reducing the heritage value of a State heritage place, are serious offences. Penalties are provided for in both the Development Act 1993 and the Heritage Places Act 1993."

Note: Residents of Hannay Street have sought Engineering and Insurance Advice and confirm that Insurers will NOT insure against subsidence so owners of these heritage properties would face extensive economic losses that could not be claimed on insurance.

Again, the extra burden of travel is seen as unreasonable and unnecessary.

Please find attached a diagram showing the proposed circuitous upstream route up The Esplanade to Hannay Street and the reduced impact, more direct and safer option via Derby Street. Also attached is a diagram of the complicated road feeder system adjacent to where the trucks hauling their sand are

intended to execute their right hand turn off Hannay Street onto Military Road. The right turn is difficult and so dangerous that few residents attempt it.

The best option of all is to cease this phase of the project, as the fine Semaphore sand will wash off West Beach almost as quickly as it is placed there.

Thank you for considering the important aspects of the proposed route raised here for your serious assessment.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

21	15-Oct-19	Member of Public	Email	<p>Dear DEW vandals,</p> <p>Thank you for your update. I am horrified that you are going ahead with the vandalism of our beaches and of our quiet residential streets. I'm sure you would not be sending 8-10 trucks down a residential street in St Peters or Unley, for example, and yet we have similar aged homes here. [Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted] The vandalism of the beach aside, have you considered the effects of the trucks on our living environment in this street, not just our houses (we are investigating that) but also on the mental health of residents who live here? Many are retired and are here full time during the day so will not be able to escape the noise and the disruption of the trucks. Others, [Redacted]. Could you please at least share the load with other streets or send the trucks down a commercial street like Semaphore Rd or Jetty Rd? At your community 'consultation meeting' one of your employees told a group I was with that you didn't want to share the load 'because this would make more people angry with us'. Not a good enough reason. I continue to be appalled at the lack of consultation with local residents, particularly those of us who will be the worst affected. And don't just handball this to the council. I am fully aware that this is a joint decision that has been made with no consideration for residents. How about shorter working days? Working odd days? AT the very least, what sort of compensation can we expect??</p> <p>[Redacted signature]</p>	DEW

22	21-Oct-19	Member of Public	Web contact us form	<p>Semaphore - Largs Bay beach digging the beach up and moving the sand through normally quiet and narrow suburban streets by truck once every 6 minutes.</p> <p>To whoever reads and responds to this how would you like a heavily laden truck trundling past your house every 6 minutes between 7am and 5pm with no promise of compensation if damage to your house occurs, let alone destruction of one of the best beaches in Adelaide. In your response I want you to particularly answer how you would like heavy transport going past your property every 6 minutes on weekdays and also why you have ignored evidence that the sand from Semaphore- Largs will not resolve the problem at West Beach or Henley Beach South.</p>	DEW
23	28-Oct-19		Web contact us form (requested a response)	<p>The best way to avoid sand erosion from a beach is to put groynes in from rock at 90 degrees to the beach, this has been proven over the ages in Europe, stop the dumb sand carting or replenishing with pipes this will be an everlasting exercise and will not stop the problem.</p>	DEW
24	20-Apr-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Hi I am interested in attending a webinar. I don't think a proper consultant has been carried out. Letter dropping 2000 people at a time of major Coronavirus shut down and change was a terrible time for considered response from residents. Also your online survey was very dodgy. The questions were absolutely loaded.</p> <p>Suddenly! - oh so suddenly you discover that the sand between Largs jetty and Strathmore Terrace is suitable (after community shut down the Derby Street option).</p> <p>Your process is dubious as is your integrity.</p> <p>There has to be a better solution.</p> <p>Not happy -</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	DEW
25	23-Apr-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>As a resident, home owner and Rate Payer of Largs Bay, I was appalled to discover that as early as NEXT WEEK, work is to begin on removing sand from our beautiful Largs Bay Beach, to supplement Semaphore South and West Beach.</p> <p>I read on Dept of Environment website that "The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has been working closely with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and community representatives on how to best manage the area with a recent community survey indicating support for the project."</p> <p>Dept of Environment claim to have distributed flyers to 2000 mailboxes in Largs Bay. I have not received one. It seems that the flyer gave access to a survey on work in the planning, but most people found the survey impossible to access. On inspection, it seems that the survey was unfairly worded, and so a result favouring the plans for the DEV would be achieved. Eg first question was "Do you think the dunes at Semaphore South should be restored?". Most people would agree to that, but there was no question to ask "Would you like to see trucks and planes mining the sand on Largs North Beach?". The Dept concluded that because 39 people had responded to this skewed survey, this "Indicated support for the project".</p> <p>The Dept of the Environment cannot claim that the local community has been adequately consulted in this matter and most of the local community are "up in arms" about it! The situation is made much worse because this work is proposed to take place at a time when group gatherings are illegal. If this were not the case, there would certainly be protesting to match the Derby St protests. This is extremely unfair.</p> <p>Personally, I made the move to Largs Bay in my retirement because I love the serenity of walking on the beach. I noted that the beach was to remain open during this mining, but who wants to walk on the beach with big noisy trucks and equipment charging around?</p> <p>This proposal must be put on hold until a more suitable proposal is found to replenish West Beach and Semaphore South! YES, we certainly want to save Semaphore South and West Beach beaches, but not at the expense of Largs North. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.</p> <p>Regards from [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Premier/MEW

26	26-Apr-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Attention: Premier Steven Marshall, Minister David Speirs, PAEC Mayor Claire Bowen, PAEC CEO Mark Withers, PAEC Senior Comms Advisor Janet Pryor.</p> <p>This is an urgent request to put a HOLD on the sand mining of Largs Bay and Largs North beaches.</p> <p>We the undersigned residents ask that you stop the impending sand mining between Largs Bay Jetty and Strathfield Terrace that is due to begin on April 27.</p> <p>We have reason to believe that the decision making process has been rushed, with neither proper community consultation nor an Environmental Impact Study. It has been neither fair nor transparent</p> <p>Not only is it environmentally questionable, but it is at a time when more people than ever before from all over Adelaide are beach walking as part of an effort to exercise and socially distance during the pandemic. This unacceptable decision will see trucks and sand planes making the beaches from Largs North to Semaphore South unusable during daylight hours until late May.</p> <p>According to DEW there was a letter drop in the form of an A5 flyer to 2000 houses on March 23 during the first week of the C19 crisis, a time when people were anxious and distressed, worried about their health and safety, and how and if they would keep their jobs.</p> <p>This A5 flyer did not constitute or look like an official letter seeking community feedback.</p> <p>There was no official Department for Environment and Water envelope nor letter on official department letterhead. It simply landed in our letter boxes and could have been easily missed or mistaken for an advertising brochure to be ignored.</p> <p>For those who read it, this flyer was the first we had heard about sand mining at Largs Bay, and it included an email link to a survey which required one to type the entire link into a computer. This is not something people usually do, usually one taps a hyperlink. It also had a scan code which many have reported they couldn't get to work. Given the demographic of our local community with many elderly residents lacking access to computers, it is small wonder only 39 people out of 2,000 letterboxed completed the survey.</p> <p>The survey itself was also poorly constructed, with the first question unashamedly loaded.</p> <p>Do you think that the dunes at Semaphore South should be restored?</p> <p>Given that we are all coastal dwellers who love our beaches who is going to say 'no'. Where was the equally loaded question asking -</p> <p>Do you think that sandmining the Largs and Largs North beaches is the solution?</p> <p>The pamphlet also stated clearly that at the time of delivery on March 23, no decision had been made. It beggars belief that only three weeks later DEW decided that a response from 39 residents out of 2,000 during a time of crisis constituted community consultation, and gave the green light for sand mining to begin at Largs North.</p> <p>Independent consultant [REDACTED] is working for DEW trying to deflect criticism of the disingenuous decision making process of the department.</p> <p>His position is that concerned community groups SOS (Save Our Shores) and PAREPG (Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group) were consulted regarding the sand mining at Largs Bay and Largs North through a small reference group, however a scrutiny of the minutes shows only one person who actually lives at Largs attended those meetings.</p> <p>Is one person really representative of our community? SOS does not represent the Largs and Largs North community. SOS is a group of Semaphore residents wanting to save the Semaphore dunes and worried about trucks driving down their street.</p> <p>PAREPG has a long history of research into, and excellent care of our local coastline. When specifically asked if they had been invited to the table to discuss sand mining at Largs North, [REDACTED] was emphatic that they had been invited and that [REDACTED] had been at all the meetings.</p>	Premier/MEW
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At that same meeting it was passed that even though timing was tight (six weeks), and that community and departmental vision, timing and investment needed to be aligned, both the process and the idea of mining Largs beaches needed to be properly canvassed with the community. In fact the recorded action states -

\* Community reps to go back to their groups to seek initial feedback on proposal. DEW, Council and community reps to agree on process of consultation. Note: DEW representatives explained that the idea put forward at the meeting to restore Semaphore South was a suggestion only based on research and information to hand. DEW wish to consult on this idea and seek other ideas and options from the community. The idea is NOT an approved locked in position of DEW but rather a starting point for the conversation with the community. "

If DEW and PAEC were genuine about this, where were the community radio messages and articles in The Messenger or the PAEC Newsletter? Where were the PAEC emails or text messages which have proved so effective in warning residents to keep dogs indoors during fireworks? Where was the signage on the beaches, and finally where was the official letter to residents? The fact is that there were none of the above. Instead, as stated above, DEW opted for a flimsy A5 flyer during the first week of the C19 crisis. Clearly they wanted a quick turnaround.

However, the other question remains; why did it take DEW almost seven weeks - from February 6 until March 23 - to send the flyer when it took less than three weeks, March 23 to April 3 for the 'official' community consultation to be completed.

This allowed a window of only 8 working days during the state lockdown to respond to the survey. With the Messenger press closing on April 1, this would have allowed only one mention of sand mining in the local press on the previous Wed 25 when all attention was the imminent lockdown.

On April 17, the 39 people out of 2000 letterboxed who had filled out the survey received the following email from DEW announcing:

“We directly invited over 2,000 people by way of letter box drop to participate in the survey as well as advertising the opportunity in the local Messenger newspaper and via social media between 20 March 2020 and 3 April 2020. The community survey indicated support for the project.

- A total of 39 people completed the survey, with the majority supporting the restoration of the Semaphore South dunes using sand from Largs North.
- Most people asked to receive email updates.
- Whilst some people indicated that they would like to attend a community event or planning day, given the current situation with COVID-19, public events or community planning days are unable to be held at this time.”

On April 18 an official letter from the Government of South Australia arrived in our letterboxes announcing that the sand mining was going ahead. The rushed process made it clear that Mr Murray Townsend’s announcement at the Feb 6 meeting that sand north of the Largs jetty could be used to stabilise Semaphore South was already a fait accompli, and that DEW had never seriously intended to consult the community. All of the above evidence speaks to the fact that DEW has not been transparent about how this decision was made. This has put consultant [REDACTED] in the unenviable position of providing false information to people at a time when we are unable to gather in public.

As a non-affiliated group of concerned residents and citizens, larger than the 39 responders to the DEW A5 flyer, we have a democratic right to register our opposition to sand mining at Largs Bay and Largs North. We urgently request that sand mining be put on HOLD until all of the reasons outlined above are investigated and resolved with transparent processes in place, including the following:

- A proper community consultation including full democratic discussion at the Reference Group level
- The commissioning of an Environmental Impact Study to ensure that no damage will occur to the Largs Bay and Largs North coastal environments
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YES, of course we all want to save Semaphore South dunes but NOT at the expense of the Largs and Largs North beach and dunes.

As concerned group of community residents, we look forward to your reply.

We also urge you to watch the documentary below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAPfwwb59uY&feature=youtu.be>.

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As concerned group of community residents, we look forward to your reply.

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Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

41	28-Apr-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Attention: Premier Steven Marshall, Minister David Speirs, PAEC Mayor Claire Bowen, PAEC CEO Mark Withers, DEW Senior Comms Advisor Janet Pryor.</p> <p>This is an urgent request to put a HOLD on the sand mining of Largs Bay and Largs North beaches.</p> <p>I write to you as someone who has been walking, almost every day, on the beaches from Semaphore South to Largs Bay and beyond since moving to the area from Grange in 1990. I was active many years ago in establishing the dog walking arrangements arguing for an access time, for instance, that allowed mothers the opportunity to walk their dogs after their children had been dropped off at school and hence the 10.00am morning time during peak seasons. I was also instrumental in getting dog litter bags and both Council supported and indeed led outcomes have been an absolute bonus enhancing quality of life as well as the environment. My walking history and care for our local beaches also means that I can attest to the massive increase in beach and path walking since the Covid-19 restrictions. I was utterly dismayed this morning (having yesterday walked along the river) to see the huge vehicles and activity on the beach. To avoid the activity and potential noise I detoured from the beach. The mining noise carries to the path and bike track which are closer to the beach than further south and therefore are noise affected. The environmental intrusion is therefore not simply one of sand-mining - it is the interruption to a peaceful and neighbourly time of safety for adults, children and pets.</p> <p>I write to ask that you stop the impending sand mining between Largs Bay Jetty and Strathfield Terrace.</p> <p>I urge you to respond to my email in an informative way to the issues raised below and not to dismiss my email because of the content that I have included. The content is not lightly included. I have read it with great care and considered it very closely. I am particularly worried about the impact in these very stressful times and where beach access is actually of huge community benefit.</p> <p>Along with friends and neighbours I have reason to believe that the decision making process has been rushed, with neither proper community consultation nor an Environmental Impact Study. It has been neither fair nor transparent.</p> <p>I did not receive any notification of the opportunity to participate in a survey or inquire about the proposed and now activated mining.</p> <p>Not only is the sand mining environmentally questionable, but it is at a time when more people than ever before from all over Adelaide are beach walking as part of an effort to exercise and socially distance during the pandemic. This unacceptable decision will see trucks and sand planes making the beaches from Largs North to Semaphore South unusable during daylight hours until late May.</p> <p>According to DEW there was a letter drop in the form of an A5 flyer to 2000 houses on March 23 during the first week of the C19 crisis, a time when people were anxious and distressed, worried about their health and safety, and how and if they would keep their jobs.</p> <p>I have asked to view the letter drop and I agree that A5 flyer does not constitute or look like an official letter seeking community feedback.</p> <p>There was no official Department for Environment and Water envelope nor letter on official department letterhead. It simply landed in our letter boxes and could have been easily missed or mistaken for an advertising brochure to be ignored.</p> <p>For those who read it, this flyer was the first we had heard about sand mining at Largs Bay, and it included an email link to a survey which required one to type the entire link into a computer. This is not something people usually do, usually one taps a hyperlink. It also had a scan code which many have reported they couldn't get to work. Given the demographic of our local community with many elderly residents lacking access to computers, it is small wonder only 39 people out of 2,000 letterboxed completed the survey.</p> <p>The survey itself was also poorly constructed, with the first question unashamedly loaded.</p> <p>Do you think that the dunes at Semaphore South should be restored?</p> <p>Given that we are all coastal dwellers who love our beaches who is going to say 'no'. Where was the equally loaded question asking -</p> <p>Do you think that sandmining the Largs and Largs North beaches is the solution?</p> <p>.</p>	Premier/MEW
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The pamphlet also states clearly that at the time of delivery on March 23, no decision had been made. It beggars belief that only three weeks later DEW decided that a response from 39 residents out of 2,000 during a time of crisis constituted community consultation, and gave the green light for sand mining to begin at Largs North.

Independent consultant [REDACTED] is working for DEW trying to deflect criticism of the disingenuous decision making process of the department.

His position is that concerned community groups SOS (Save Our Shores) and PAREPG (Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group) were consulted regarding the sand mining at Largs Bay and Largs North through a small reference group, however a scrutiny of the minutes shows only one person who actually lives at Largs attended those meetings.

Is one person really representative of our community? SOS does not represent the Largs and Largs North community. SOS is a group of Semaphore residents wanting to save the Semaphore dunes and worried about trucks driving down their street.

PAREPG has a long history of research into, and excellent care of our local coastline. When specifically asked if they had been invited to the table to discuss sand mining at Largs North, [REDACTED] was emphatic that they had been invited and that [REDACTED] had been at all the meetings.

According to [REDACTED] this is not the case.

PAREPG was not invited to attend a coastal reference group about the current sand mining proposal. They were invited to attend a reference group concerned with the pipeline strategy.

PAREPG was not invited to any meeting dealing with local sand mining issues – their only information came via SOS which is why they are a part of that group.

PAREPG was not directly notified that sand mining north of Largs was on the table, again they found out through SOS

Because PAREPG did not receive an invitation for consultation on the intention to mine north of the Largs jetty they consequently were not able to put in a response. Once it had been discovered this had happened [REDACTED] contacted PAEC Comms Advisor Janet Pryor who apologised and said PAREPG would be added to the list.

[REDACTED] did attend a meeting organised by SOS with DEW and [REDACTED] on Feb 26 which "floated" the idea of mining north of Largs.

PAREPG was then advised that a full public consultation program would be held.

[REDACTED] statements are backed by the minutes of the reference group meetings on October 31 2019, November 28 2019, and February 6 2020 which also show that no representative from PAREPG was present or named in the apologies.

Sand mining the Largs and Largs North beaches was mentioned for the first time at the February 6 meeting when DEW spokesperson Mr Murray Townsend suggested there were significant quantities of suitable sand immediately north of the Largs Bay jetty that could be used to stabilise Semaphore South.

Is it merely coincidence that this suitability was discovered after Semaphore residents had successfully protested and shut down sand mining at the end of Derby Street?

Where is the evidence between October 2019 and February 2020, that the sand north of the Largs jetty had suddenly become suitable for the restoration of Semaphore South dunes?

Prior to that, Semaphore residents had been told that Semaphore beach sand was the only sand along the coast that was appropriate for the West Beach and Semaphore South restorations.

Semaphore beach is the area that the Coastal Protection Board mined sand from back in the 90's only to find after they had deposited it at Glenelg, that it was the wrong kind of sand because the grains were too small in size. They said the sand was too fine, and therefore washed away too quickly. It is hard to believe that after all these years DEW is going to repeat this mistake.

At that same meeting it was passed that even though timing was tight (six weeks), and that community and departmental vision, timing and investment needed to be aligned, both the process and the idea of mining Largs beaches needed to be properly canvassed with the community. In fact the recorded action states -

\* Community reps to go back to their groups to seek initial feedback on proposal. DEW, Council and community reps to agree on process of consultation.

Note: DEW representatives explained that the idea put forward at the meeting to restore Semaphore South was a suggestion only based on research and information to hand. DEW wish to consult on this idea and seek other ideas and options from the community. The idea is NOT an approved locked in position of DEW but rather a starting point for the conversation with the community. "

If DEW and PAEC were genuine about this, where were the community radio messages and articles in The Messenger or the PAEC Newsletter? Where were the PAEC emails or text messages which have proved so effective in warning residents to keep dogs indoors during fireworks? Where was the signage on the beaches, and finally where was the official letter to residents? The fact is that there were none of the above. Instead, as stated above, DEW opted for a flimsy A5 flyer during the first week of the C19 crisis. Clearly they wanted a quick turnaround.

However, the other question remains; why did it take DEW almost seven weeks - from February 6 until March 23 - to send the flyer when it took less than three weeks, March 23 to April 3 for the 'official' community consultation to be completed.

This allowed a window of only 8 working days during the state lockdown to respond to the survey. With the Messenger press closing on April 1, this would have allowed only one mention of sand mining in the local press on the previous Wed 25 when all attention was the imminent lockdown.

On April 17, the 39 people out of 2000 letterboxed who had filled out the survey received the following email from DEW announcing:

"We directly invited over 2,000 people by way of letter box drop to participate in the survey as well as advertising the opportunity in the local Messenger newspaper and via social media between 20 March 2020 and 3 April 2020. The community survey indicated support for the project.

- A total of 39 people completed the survey, with the majority supporting the restoration of the Semaphore South dunes using sand from Largs North.
- Most people asked to receive email updates.
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Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

				
42	6-May-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Hi</p> <p>I live in the area and walk along the beach every day. Everyone I meet is very keen to know how long the truck movements will continue for. They are incredibly disruptive as well as dangerous at times.</p> <p>Today one of the drivers of the skimmer trucks was driving (quiere fast) while talking on his mobile phone, while many dogs and dog walkers were present. The website says this work is expected to go from April to July. The volume of sand already taken for the dunes between Semaphore and the breakwater is already substantial.</p> <p>I assume some of the time will be spent on stabilising the sand on the dunes.</p> <p>Please let me know when the truck movements are expected to cease.</p> <p>Thanks</p> 
43	19-May-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>I'm disgusted at the state of the beach today. It's been a number of weeks and it's just got worse. The foot track is below the general sand level, the trucks rip up the whole beach and have caused the the dunes to be unprotected as the general slope up the beach has been increased which has stopped the slow of the wave. The sand is unlevel. King Canute springs to mind. What a total waste of money. I have children and I've concerns about the depth of water - what used to be a child friendly beach that gently sloped - is it much steeper / deeper area? How can one area be thought of so poorly that it can be violated to improve the appearance of others.</p>

44	25-May-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As you don't seem to be able to take calls at the moment, I must email to convey my absolute disgust and fury at the mess created at Semaphore and Largs beaches by your current works to 'maintain the Largs jetty'. What you are doing down there is nothing short of environmental and social vandalism.</p> <p>Of course the Semaphore south dune system needs work but your ridiculous shifting of sand from one beach to another using heavy machinery, horribly disrupting the social lives of the community and wreaking havoc on the environment, only for the sand to wash away in regularly occurring storms, is bureaucratic bungling at its worst.</p> <p>The beach is an essential place for people to exercise and support their mental health especially in this time of lockdown. Despite it being winter the number of people on these beaches is high and only on Monday I saw many people with their dogs and families with small children scared out of their wits by massive machines constantly zooming up and down the beach, like it was some sort of massive sandpit. The incompatibility of these activities is a major safety concern and an absolute disaster waiting to happen.</p> <p>I would like to know when the current works are going to end? By my calculations the two to three weeks you said it would take ends on Friday. But I've also heard dates of the end of May or later! This can't be right surely? You surely wouldn't fob us off with one timeline only to replace it with another much less palatable timeline, not if you wanted to be trusted by the community. We will soon grow tired of those sort of shenanigans.</p> <p>The agreement the local people made with your department and Minister did not include the current works. The agreement was made in good faith and the local people decided to trust your commitment to minimal sand mining activities. These were completed in April. The fact that you've decided to be tricky and deceitful by conflating jetty maintenance with the mining you're now doing around the Largs jetty (with the skimmer and not just under the jetty), tells the community you cannot be trusted. Agitation for new local action is now gathering momentum.</p> <p>Again, please let me know when the current works are due to end as I'd like to know when the beach will be fit for human use again.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>██████████</p>	DEW
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45	28-May-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Dear Mayor Boan and DEWCoasts,</p> <p>Ten years ago I stood on the Largs Bay Jetty at the precise spot these two photos were taken this evening. Looking south and north along the coast and dunes, and seeing the uniqueness of such a coast and dune system in a metropolitan area, I decided that I wanted to be a part of this community and that I would move from the NT to Largs Bay. I was able to purchase a home in Largs Bay and move within months. I have resided here ever since. In addition I have become a member of the Taperoo Dunes Group working in the area north of Largs Bay.</p> <p>The Dunes and coast are Largs Bay's greatest asset. Tourism and the local lifestyle is centred upon the dunes and coast. The photos taken today (looking south and north from the Jetty) show how significant the Largs Bay Dunes are. The Dunes are habitat for birds and native plants. The beach is regularly used by walkers, especially previous at this time of social isolation. The ocean is a well used fishing, sailing and swimming location.</p> <p>I am aware of the proposal for sand mining at Largs Bay. To my knowledge, I was not one of the residents who received a notice in my letterbox regarding the proposal from the Department.</p> <p>I am concerned that the proposal for sand mining at Largs Bay will cause irreparable damage to the Dunes and coast at Largs Bay, thereby affecting the habitat for birds and plants and also potentially sea life. The proposal will also leave the foreshore of Largs Bay exposed to encroachment in the event of storms and high tides and the effects of climate change.</p> <p>I would ask you to note that the attached photographs were taken at app 5.20pm this evening-with high tide being at 5.56pm. You will see that the tide line was very close to the Dunes half an hour prior to high tide. This leads to the question, how will it be possible to undertake sand mining at Largs Bay without causing significant damage to the Dunes ?</p> <p>I understand that there needs to be significant work undertaken to repair the damaged Semaphore South Dunes. This repair has in large part become necessary due to the damage caused to Semaphore South as it has been used to seek to (unsuccessfully) repair beaches far south of Semaphore. There seems little merit in destroying yet another coast and dune system to attempt to repair Semaphore south.</p> <p>I would urge you to suspend the proposed works at Largs Bay and seek another solution to the repair of the damaged Semaphore south dunes.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> 	DEW
46	29-May-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>Hello Janet,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>Again I ask, as I have previously, why your email states " For Official Use Only" at the top.</p> <p>I also ask again why residents were not notified of the effective removal of the path in question as part of the supposed consultation process. This is now a significant safety issue and an issue of the rights of those elderly residents for whom a walk down to Noonies is not a simple matter.</p> <p>I have also not received any answers from you to my initial questions about the cost and environmental cost of these works. I am still waiting for this important information.</p> <p>Thank you again; I look forward to your further response.</p> 	DEW

47	5-Jun-20	Member of Public	Phone call	<p>Phone conversation raising concerns regarding the beach access path at Jervois Street, Semaphore South being raised as part of the dune restoration project and the impacts that this has on elderly residents. Reply sent via email following phone conversation:</p> <p>Dear [REDACTED]</p> <p>Thank you for contacting me about concerns regarding the beach access path at Jervois Street, Semaphore South being raised as part of the dune restoration project and the impacts that this has on elderly residents.</p> <p>Following our conversation, I passed your concerns onto our Coastal Manager, Jason Quinn, who has attempted to contact you to discuss the issue in more detail.</p> <p>In the meantime, I can provide the following information.</p> <p>Some of the beach access tracks at Semaphore South have been raised with sand to match the shape of the newly placed dunes. This has been done to ensure that all of this stretch of foreshore is protected from flooding and erosion. This is especially important for the winter months ahead. The department and council will monitor the area and assess this trial replenishment over the coming months.</p> <p>The beach access path nearest to Noonies Café has not been raised in height with imported sand. Council will determine if this is suitable temporarily, over the winter months, for the blue accessible mat to be rolled out.</p> <p>The sand movement works have now finished (Friday 29 May 2020), and next week there will be some minor shaping and then all of the existing beach access tracks will be open for use.</p> <p>Drift net fencing and revegetation will follow to help stabilise the dunes, including planting of more than 8,500 plants in the area. These techniques have been used with great success to re-establish dunes on Adelaide’s southern beaches, such as at Seacliff and South Brighton.</p> <p>You can read FAQs about the project on our website here.</p> <p>We apologise for any inconvenience caused during these essential works to protect the foreshore and community assets before winter when storms are more likely.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Janet from the Coast and Marine Team</p>	DEW
48	6-Oct-20	Member of Public	Email	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Re more sand mining vandalism at Semaphore/Largs</p> <p>Once again I’d like to register my continued disgust at your latest engineering plans to vandalise our beach and disrupt and distress our community.</p> <p>I understand our protestations do absolutely no good as your department obviously doesn’t give a stuff about our community or its concerns and beliefs.</p> <p>Your cynical and deceptive consultation process with the community has resulted in you doing the exact thing you’d always intended on doing, which is of surprise to exactly no-one.</p> <p>Shame on you all.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	DEW

49	2/11/2020	Member of Public	Email	<p>To the Coastal Management Team,</p> <p>02/11/20</p> <p>I am writing to you out of my concern about the Dept. of Environment and Water's (DEW) program for Adelaide Beach Works at Semaphore / Largs under the Living Beaches Strategy. This program includes mining these beaches for sand to truck all the way to West Beach and the building of a pipeline, with beach works (continuation of mining sand and use of heavy machinery) from Semaphore /Largs to West Beach for the next 15-25 years. Semaphore, Semaphore South, Largs Bay and Largs North beaches are key tourist destinations in South Australia. With the opening of the freeways to the north of Adelaide, the beaches are easily accessed by communities from the northern and north east suburbs and as far as the Barossa Valley. Access to and preservation of this amenity is of great concern to beach users, as well as the local businesses and economy. One only has to visit on a beautiful sunny day to realise the popularity of this amenity.</p> <p>This year, DEW has mined sand from Semaphore and Largs beaches and intend on repeating this process in 2021. This mining is not only very disruptive for beach users, but it is clearly having an impact on the fore dune system and beach ecology.</p> <p>As yet, there hasn't been a suitable impact assessment that could assure the local community that these actions will not lead to further degradation and erosion of our coast. Nor has there been any consideration of alternative approaches to restoring beaches south of Semaphore.</p> <p>These could include, the sourcing of sand from elsewhere and the use of updated technology such as a coastal protection structure called DRIM (Distorted Ripple Mat) as an alternative to ongoing mining and the pipeline.</p> <p>In conclusion, I am asking you to urge Minister Speirs to reconsider the current approach and explore the aforementioned options. At the very least, the community deserves an impact assessment report that considers the long term effect of mining sand from our northern beaches, before moving forward.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	DEW
50	6/11/2020	Member of Public	Email	<p>Hello</p> <p>I'm writing in relation to the ongoing issue of sand carting at Semaphore/Largs Bay. I would respectfully ask that you consider all other options to try and find a solution to this problem. Semaphore/Largs Bay are two of the most popular beaches in Adelaide and to have this continual disruption by large machinery, not to mention the damage to the beaches is every distressing to many people. I fail to understand why it is necessary to ruin two beaches for the sake of the other beaches that are suffering. There must be alternative options and these must be investigated.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	DEW

51 12/11/2020 Member of Public Email

MEW

Dear Minister

I write as a member of the [REDACTED] and in my capacity of both the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] for the 'Securing the future of our coastline' projects set up by the Department of Environment and Water.

On the last day of the most recent sand collection campaign (2 November 2020) between Semaphore and Largs jetties, I observed the site and works from the Semaphore Jetty. Despite an undertaking that trucks and machinery would not go closer to the toe of the front dunes than 5 metres, it was clear that this had been breached. Clear tyre tracks could be seen running over the toe of the dune just north of the jetty.

I raised this at the meeting of the Semaphore Working Group immediately following on the same morning where Departmental staff were in attendance. I showed them the photos I had taken. Following the meeting there was a walk through to observe the packing up of the works and to inspect any issues of concern.

During the meeting when I raised the issue of the breach of the undertaking, [REDACTED] posited many reasons why this may have occurred, including that people may have been walking past. If this was the case I believe the instruction to the contractors is to stop the vehicle. I don't see this as a reason to drive over the dunes contrary to what was agreed. Jason further argued that the breach was minor and that sand could be bulldozed into place to cover up the infraction. When I pointed out that this was not really the issue I was raising, but that it was about the breach of a good faith agreement, N [REDACTED] intervened and said the incident would have to be investigated.

Adding to my frustration at this meeting was a similar defensive response to my raising that the Draft Impact Assessment on the Impact of removing sand from the Northern beaches states that 'no machinery will be left on the beach overnight'. There then ensued a discussion about what constitutes 'the beach'. In the view of our community, vehicles parked up alongside Semaphore Jetty overnight and the conveyor belt being parked on a hill of sand just above the high water mark, constitute 'the beach'. It seems the view of departmental staff differs to this.

During the walk through to observe the works (by which time some sand had been pushed up near the toe of the dune) [REDACTED] again exhibited defensive and unhelpful behaviour by failing to acknowledge my concerns, downplaying the dune breach as trivial in nature. When [REDACTED] from PAREPG asked a simple question about the location of the buffer of the dune. In my view no attempt was made to provide a simple yes or no answer and communication became negative in tone.

The issue I raised on behalf of my community is about keeping the trust of the community when works are being undertaken which clearly disrupt public amenity and people's concerns about safety while on the beach during sand works, as well as the particular interests the [REDACTED] have in caring for the dune area by weeding and planting diverse native species to enhance the biodiversity and attractiveness of the area. When assurances are given that our work will not be undermined by contractors engaged to harvest sand from our beaches we need to trust that this will be upheld.

I therefore request that your response to the concerns I raise today (12 November 2020) include the outcome of any investigation that was undertaken and what steps will be put in place to mitigate and prevent further breaches of agreements in relation to taking sand from the beach as to date I have not received any satisfactory response from your Department staff. I also request that a definition of what is meant by 'the beach' in relation to equipment being left overnight during sand works be provided.

Further it would be helpful to receive various documents promised for some time now - the results of the community consultations undertaken by Square Holes, the final version of the Impact Assessment and as discussed at our last meeting a summary of issues raised with and community sentiments conveyed to staff at the DEW Info van during the sand works campaign.

As you can appreciate the feelings of our community run high when the disruption of sand works on the beach interferes with their enjoyment of this popular area and how the works impact on the dunes which volunteers dedicate hours towards improving. As members of your department's various information sharing groups we are lobbied by the community and asked to raise concerns.

There must be better ways for civil communication responding to issues raised in good faith to be addressed and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely - [REDACTED]

52	Member of Public	Email	<p>Resident at [REDACTED]</p> <p>Dear Coastal Management Team,</p> <p>I have just received the letter from you guys re the sand collection from in front of my house for the months of November till January and I believe for 3 years.</p> <p>Not only are you impacting us from Hall st but also Military rd and Esplanade.</p> <p>I don't know who the brainwave is that come up with this idea to impact so many areas for one job but I will just say no wonder this state is broke and nobody wants to spend any investment money here when brainwaves like you guys carry out winter work in summer impacting on residents, retailers and beachgoers.</p> <p>No matter what we say won't make a difference but I can't believe every street around us is impacted because you need sand for West Beach.</p> <p>Where is our compensation for the impact on us for 12 months over the next 3 years???</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	DEW
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*requires a response*

**QUESTIONS FOR MANAGING ADELAIDE'S BEACHES COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION**  
**Monday, August 26th 5.30-7.00pm**

1. How thorough was the research carried out by the **Danish Hydraulic Institute?**

- Was the **Port Adelaide Enfield Council** in any way involved or consulted during the preparation of the DHI report?
- Was an **Environmental Impact Study** carried out for the **Semaphore/ Largs area** as part of the drawing up of the report ?
  - If so, is this publicly available?
  - Have alternative external sources of coarse sand been fully explored?
- Have representatives of the Port Adelaide Kaurna community been consulted?

2. In the DEW 's **Securing the future of our coastline plan Stage 1** of both **Large scale beach replenishment with sand from an external source** and **Construction of a sand recycling pipeline from Semaphore to West Beach** state the goal **Gain approvals:**

- What does '**gaining approval**' mean?
- Who is **DEW** planning to get approval from?
- Has any approval been given yet?

3. In the proposed plan:

- Would the sand from the **Semaphore / Largs beach area** not just be taken for the **immediate** replenishment of the West Beach area but also be taken **permanently** into the future once the proposed pipeline has been constructed?
- Where exactly would the sand be taken from?
- How would sand be collected and placed into the piping system?
- What structures would be built on the beach as part of the piping system?
- How much sand would be taken?
- What would the beach look like once sand is taken?
- Would the quality of the beach surface be affected by this process?
- How large and permanent would the sand carting access route be?

4. How and where would the **Semaphore / Largs sand dunes** be affected?

- Would the foredune collapse as a result of the sand removal?
- If so, what vegetation would be lost?
- Would the swale and hind dune lose their protection and be put at risk?
- Would the overall rich biodiversity of the dune system be adversely affected?
- Would the dune system's ability to protect the coastline consequently be diminished?

**Are the beauty and protective value of the Semaphore / Largs beach and dunes being sacrificed to fix the Henley and West Beach erosion problem?**

## Protection of Semaphore Beach

1. Please confirm precise width and length of the new access road from the Palais carpark to the beach. If the width varies can you please provide precise specifications for the full length of the road.
2. What is the construction method for the new road and will it be possible to remove the road at the end of the project in December 2019 without further damage to the dunes?
3. Will the access road be fenced to prevent trucks straying onto the sand dunes and to attempt to reduce sand drift. If so what is the construction type of the fence?
4. What further or other measures will be taken to prevent sand drift down the new road, to the car park and on to properties along the Esplanade, and into my front garden? Please provide a copy of the management plan.
5. I am informed that your department will arrange for mechanical sweeping of roads and the carpark where necessary. How often has sweeping been undertaken at other locations such as Point Malcolm and West Beach and how frequently will it be undertaken in front of my home. What criteria will be applied to determine if sweeping is required?
6. Please provide precise details of what plant and equipment will be stored in the carpark in front of my home and whether a transportable hut to include a lunch room and toilet will be included.
7. What size will the fenced depot be and precisely where in the carpark will it be located?
8. Will any heavy vehicles, plant or equipment be left unattended and unfenced while not in use in evenings or on weekends anywhere on the beach, dunes or carpark? If so when and where and for how long?
9. (a) What precautions will be taken to prevent children playing on or under heavy machinery not stored behind security fencing during evenings and weekends?
10. (b) Do you intend to close the beach to public access during the actual operation of heavy vehicles and equipment or rely on the wisdom of children to keep a safe distance from the working machinery?
11. (c) At West Beach a sign apparently erected by your department says " Caution Sand Carting in Progress the beach may be irregular or soft". How significant is the danger and need for caution on the beach and will similar signs be erected at Semaphore?
12. (d) At West Beach a sign, apparently erected by your department, states "Caution avoid swimming or wading in discoloured water". What is the cause of the discolouration and what is the extent of the danger? Will similar signs be erected at Semaphore?
13. (e) At the current site of sand works at Semaphore South (Pt Malcolm) signs apparently erected by Charles Sturt Council state that :Vehicles may enter or exit at speed". What speed restrictions, if any, will apply to the heavy machinery whilst operating on the beach, or the access road, or carpark at Semaphore? Are there any reports of drivers exceeding safe speeds?
14. Are plans for the modification of the roundabout at Hall Street / Esplanade and modifications to the entrance and exit to the Palais carpark available for public inspection? If they are please provide a copy. If plans are not yet available will they be provided to Port Adelaide Enfield Council for public consultation prior to commencement of work?
15. Are any other modifications to roundabouts, speed humps or traffic control devices planned and if so will council and the public be provided with plans and be consulted prior to

construction? Specifically is it planned to remove or modify the traffic island opposite the exit from the carpark which prevents vehicles from turning right unsafely when exiting the carpark.

16. Please confirm that no plants or trees will be removed or pruned during the project (in particular the row of Norfolk Island Pines above the Palais carpark).

17. I am informed that traffic controllers will be employed. Where and when will they be employed and specifically will a controller be on duty on all occasions when a heavy vehicle is reversing on a bend downhill and across the pedestrian and bike path adjacent to the sand dunes in order to reverse down the access road?

18. Where will the semitrailers queue if there is a delay in loading the previous vehicle? If on adjacent roads, which roads?

19. We have been informed that "monitoring" will occur during the removal of Semaphore sand to see that no "damage" occurs to Semaphore beach. Please detail what is meant by "monitoring" and "damage" and specifically detail how far back the sand dunes will be allowed to recede. What is the total volume of sand to be trucked from Semaphore Beach this year and in 2020, and 2021?

20. When will new sand be obtained and from where? Why has this been deferred for 2 to 4 years? How much money has been allocated to move sand south from Semaphore, and how much to bring new sand to the beaches?

21. When will the pipeline to move sand from Semaphore south to West Beach be commenced and completed? Why has this been delayed? Has this delay resulted in greater expenditure on trucking sand south, and if so what additional expenditure?

22. Have complaints been received from Charles Sturt Council about any aspect of the project in their council area?

23. Who should residents contact from 7.30 am if the contractors breach any of the curfew, environmental or safety requirements?

**From:** Quinn, Jason (DEW)  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 September 2019 9:05 AM  
**To:** Pryor, Janet (DEW); Burton, Lauren (DEW)  
**Cc:** Townsend, Murray (DEW)  
**Subject:** FW: Sand Carting [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
**Attachments:** 20190919170916776.pdf

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More corro to add to the list and respond to, forwarded to us from council.

**Jason Quinn**

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 September, 2019 5:20 PM  
**To:** Quinn, Jason (DEW) <Jason.Quinn@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Sand Carting

Dear Jason

As discussed on Tuesday I met with three residents from Semaphore and they raised the issues attached which I promised to send on to you for response.

Please refer to the scanned documents they left with me.

The other question that they asked was whether Strathfield Terrace could be used, I explained that this would result in a longer route but you may wish to respond too.

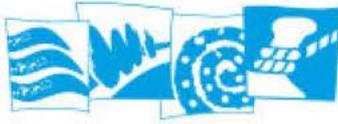
The main contact is [Redacted].

The group email is: [Redacted]

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 September 2019 5:13 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sand Carting

Hi Everyone

Thanks for meeting with me today.

The Department staff have advised that their web page has just been updated today with additional FAQs responses etc.

The central contact for coordinating all responses in DEW for this project is Janet Prior who works part-time so may not always be contactable every day but the central email for the project is:

[DEWcoast@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEWcoast@sa.gov.au) or call on 8124 4928.

I will forward your questions to them and have already spoken to DEW staff this afternoon regarding the additional concerns and suggestions you posed.

Regards

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1. Council must certainly be in discussion with the State Government.

Have these discussions included potential damage to ratepayers' homes and Council's roads?

As Assets Manager, what is your role in discussions concerning these issues?

2. Can you give us any advice about contracting engineers to carry out Dilapidation Reports for homes on affected streets? What are your responsibilities toward Port Adelaide Enfield residents in these cases?

Does the PAE Council have a legal representative that we can contact?

Dilapidation Reports are indicated in these circumstances. In addition to damage from trucking vibration, there will also be effects from road resurfacing post sand-carting each 10-week period over the next two years. (We just this morning noticed a Road Condition Survey truck rolling past our home on Hannay St.)

Trucks will weigh 39-42 tonnes. 10 week period there will be upwards of 4000 trucks on our residential streets. (See attached photo.)

3. Alternative trucking route.

If the Department of Transport and Planning was to consent to the temporary removal of a few planks of wood between just two pylons on Semaphore Jetty, then large sand-carting trucks from Semaphore and Largs beaches could unload sand at the Semaphore Life Saving Club *as it has already been doing from Semaphore South*. This would bypass all proposed new surface road trucking. If the right planks are removed, there would still be access to the jetty via the steps for beach users. (See attached photo.)

