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Weatherill Labor Government backflips on Roadside Crash Markers

The Weatherill Labor Government has performed another embarrassing backflip, this time on a decision impacting friends and families of road accident victims.

In a letter to local Councils in the Hammond electorate, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure announced the Government were discontinuing the Roadside Crash Markers program and would be removing posts on State roads in early 2014.

Studies conducted in South Australia and elsewhere indicate that roadside crash marker posts are not effective road safety tools, have minimal influence on driver behaviour and make no difference to crash rates. Therefore, the Department is discontinuing the Roadside Crash Markers program. **(DPTI, 29 November 2013)**

Less than a week later however, recognising the sensitive nature of the issues, the Weatherill Labor Government has backflipped on its decision.

To clarify, this program is still under review, and has not been discontinued. **(DPTI, 3 December 2013)**

“It is disturbing the Government has labelled this program as not effective,” said Mr Pederick.

“To many South Australians, the markers are not just posts in the ground that impact the State budget.

“The Roadside Crash Markers hold a special significance and are an important reminder to take care on the roads.”

The Weatherill Labor Government has again revealed their policy of making ‘announce and defend’ decisions.

“I am concerned Minister O’Brien formulated this decision without consultation being undertaken with regional road safety groups or even the families of road crash victims,” said Mr Pederick.

“This is another embarrassing backflip by the Weatherill Labor Government.

“South Australians deserve better.”