



8 June 2023

**Graffiti Vandals
ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL AREA SA**

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Recent messaging in Graffiti and the cost of your actions on the Community

I am writing to you about the recent graffiti written at Richard Ballard reserve, Goolwa Wharf toilets, Goolwa Railway Station toilets, the Rose Gardens Toilets Goolwa and Lakala Reserve toilets in Port Elliot.

I wish to express my extreme disappointment at the recent graffiti distributed across the Alexandrina District (as censored and attached). It is clear you are attempting to send a message to Council but the hurt you may want Council to experience is also experienced by community, business and visitors to our beautiful region.

I wish to bring to your attention that:

- your actions, not only takes Council's resources (both time and money) away from other core services to clean up the mess, but also affect the community who ultimately pay for these Council resources through their Council rates to perform this work.
- Your graffiti distracts visitors that use our public toilets from returning to the district, which may ultimately affect income going to our local businesses that in turns supports local employment.
- I am a dad of a young family find it appalling that you would subject your colourful language to unexpected users of the toilets. I want you to stop and think about the flow on affect that your words have on young kids and others in the Community.
- The Goolwa Railway toilets are not Council owned, meaning the costs and implications of your actions will be the burden of a valued community volunteer group.

Please think about your actions. If there is something that is troubling you and you want Council to pay attention to your needs or suggestions, I invite you to have the courage and come and meet with me to explain what change you would like to see. Let's have an honest and robust discussion (without the colourful language) instead of continuing the suffering you are causing others.

Please send your request for a meeting with me to alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Nigel Morris
Chief Executive Officer

