

SA ELECTION March 2018 – Stephen Mullighan Backflip on Coast Park Path.

On the 3rd March Stephen Mullighan issued his latest video regarding the Coast Park Path on his Facebook Page. Yet again he is playing politics and trying to be all things to all people.

There is a [separate link to this VIDEO](#) listed on the News Article page.

We invite you to make your own minds up on Stephen Mullighan's "backflip" as originally called out by the Messenger on the 26th April 2017, after watching the video and reading his letters to residents, the City of Charles Sturt and local community groups.

We are reminded of a quote "Mix carefully truth and deceit and you have politics."*

Let's fact check some of his statements from the video.

"we have been working hard to get this path completed...."

"we have been working hard with the Council to get this finished..."

NOT TRUE: this does not accord with the letters written by Mullighan between April 2016 and February 2017 where he exhorts the Council not to build the path they plan. See the letters here

IF TRUE: Then his letters were a smokescreen for his involvement while pretending to be against it he was actually supporting it.

"as you can see it's a great way for people to enjoy low speed cycling"

NOT TRUE: the path connects to a Discovery Trail in the Tennyson Dunes Reserve which is a walking trail.

NOT TRUE: Check the video at 0:18 is that a low speed cyclist?

"or walking or jogging to access our beautiful beaches"

NOT TRUE: the path is a South to North path and will not improve access to the beaches. Access to the beaches is by East-West paths and they will be the same in number and in the same place both before and after any Coast Park Path.

"but as some people may know it's been frustrated by a small handful of residents who are trying to keep the public away from the beaches that they have been enjoying privately"

NOT TRUE: Access to the beaches is freely available to everyone. They are public beaches. People's opposition to the proposed path is the damage it will

wreak on the dunes. Residents support a path just not the path that the Council has proposed.

“this is public land and the public should be able to access it” implying that the public cannot access the land in front of the houses.”

NOT TRUE: The public have full access to the beaches and to the existing low impact path in front of the existing houses.

“I have had thousands of people who have contacted me in the electorate I represent who want to see this path finished”

UNKNOWN: Mullighan does not provide any evidence to support his thousands claim and certainly does not mention the people who have contacted him, his office or the Council objecting to the current path design.

“but I am really disappointed that the other candidates at this election don’t share my views and my enthusiasm for this path we have had both the Liberal candidate as well as the S.A. Best candidate try and walk away from a commitment to finish this path and that’s bad news for the community”

NOT TRUE: The Liberal candidate Steven Rypp and the S.A. Best Candidate have both stated online and in writing that they will support the path recommended by the community and supported by the CEPG and other organisations. However, they will not support the path designed by the Council.

“so a vote for Labor is a vote for this path it’s a vote for better access to our coastline and to our beaches for the whole community not just the people who are lucky enough to live close to it”

NOT TRUE: Voting for Labor will not improve your access to the beaches. The community who live along the Coast have no more access than anyone else - as they use the same East West Access points to access the beaches.

These are the facts as you can see truth and politics are sometimes very different.