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Labor must turn focus to road maintenance

Instead of reshuffling the Road Safety portfolio five times in five years, Labor must make road safety a high priority.

Labor's Road Safety strategy – due to be released today – was leaked to the Liberal Opposition earlier this week.

"The strategy highlights a number of important issues which the Labor Government must take seriously," Shadow Minister for Road Safety Mark Goldsworthy said today.

"However, if Labor's strategy is not supported by resources and funding, then it's not worth the paper it's written on.

"Not only has Labor neglected road safety and driver education programs in schools, but it has also neglected road maintenance in SA, as demonstrated by \$200 million in road maintenance backlog.

"Labor must urgently turn its focus to the \$200 million road maintenance backlog."

"South Australians expect Governments to look after our roads.

"However, Minister Tom Kenyon doesn't even acknowledge that road conditions contribute to road accidents.

"Labor's current and past approach is questionable, boasting five Ministers for Road Safety in five years.

"After all, Labor has a questionable record when it comes to the Road Safety portfolio."

"Former Road Safety Minister Tom Koutsantonis was forced to resign from the portfolio for his more than 60 road and traffic offences and Mr Kenyon is clearly out of depth in this portfolio.

"Is Mr Kenyon even going to be the Road Safety Minister after Jay Weatherill's Cabinet reshuffle?"

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