



## Project Overview Stages 1, 2 and 3

The Port River Expressway comprises of three stages:

- Stage 1 consists of a 5.5 kilometre four-lane expressway link between South Road and Francis Street with an overpass at each of the junctions of South Road, Hanson Road and Eastern Parade.
- Stage 2 consists of a four lane high-level, opening road bridge across the Port River between Docks 1 and 2, linking Stage 1 at Francis Street to Victoria Road. Changes will be made to Nelson Street and Semaphore Road to connect to the new road link.
- Stage 3 consists of a single track, dual gauge, high-level, opening rail bridge across the Port River, north of the road bridge, with connections to the existing rail system.

The project links the state's major port and rail terminals at the port of Adelaide directly with the AusLink National Network to Perth and Darwin via Port Wakefield Road, the National Network to Sydney and Melbourne and also the interstate mainline rail network.

The Port River Expressway project is the first stage of a comprehensive \$1 billion program of works initiated by the South Australian government with the support of the Australian government's \$12.7 billion AusLink Investment Program. The improvements reinforce the port of Adelaide and Osborne Maritime Precinct as a vibrant centre of activity and a world-class import/export hub for the state.

Included in the program of works is:

- The construction of the Northern Expressway from Salisbury Highway to Gawler via Port Wakefield Road
- The upgrade of the LeFevre Peninsula rail freight corridor between Birkenhead and the Outer Harbor and provision of LeFevre Peninsula headworks
- Development of a Deep Sea Grain Wharf, Grain Terminal and deepened Outer Harbor shipping channel to accommodate the large, Panamax class vessels
- Development of the Largs North Marine Precinct
- Development of the Osborne Maritime Precinct
- Improvements to the South Road Corridor

Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway project was officially opened to traffic on July 19 2005. The four-lane Expressway was delivered through a Design-Construct-Maintain (DCM) contract by Bardavcol.

Piling in the river for the road and rail bridges (Stages 2 and 3) will start in December 2005. The rail bridge is expected to be complete by mid 2007, with the road bridge scheduled for completion in late 2007.

