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Commendation award for successful Port River Expressway management

A commendation has been awarded to Transport SA in partnership with Tonkin Consulting and Bardavcol Pty Ltd, for their successful management of site contamination for Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway project.

The commendation was won in the Environmental Engineering category of the South Australia Division Engineering Excellence Awards for Engineers Australia.

Transport SA and its project partners received the commendation award in recognition of their innovative and environmentally friendly management of contaminated material on the Port River Expressway – Stage 1 site.

Approximately 50 per cent of the Port River Expressway site was covered with up to two metres of uncontrolled fill which had been deposited along the alignment over the past 100 years. The fill consisted of demolition material, such as bricks, concrete and rubble and also household rubbish.

Approximately 1.4 million tonnes of recycled material has been used to date to build up the formation of the 5.5 kilometre expressway to an average height of 1.8 metres, which is the equivalent of 250 full Olympic-sized swimming pools of recycled material.

The project has been challenging due to structural and environmental elements and is considered the most environmentally complex road project in South Australia's history.

Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway is expected to be complete in mid 2005.

Funding for the \$87.1 million project has been a joint contribution between the State and Federal Governments under the *Roads of National Importance Program* (RONI).

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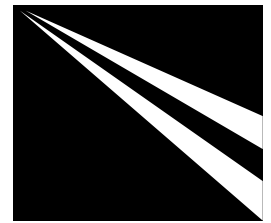
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