

# News release - Stephen Mullighan

## South Australian businesses to benefit from \$9.5 billion in infrastructure projects

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More South Australian businesses are set to benefit from the State Government's record investment in infrastructure with a briefing for industry on infrastructure projects tomorrow.

The session will promote opportunities available as a result of the Government's \$9.5 billion infrastructure investment over the next four years, supporting an estimated 5700 jobs per year.

The information session will provide important details about upcoming infrastructure projects across our state including:

- \$1.1 billion investment in health infrastructure
- More than \$400 million investment in major road upgrades including Main South Road duplication and realignment of Daws/Springbank Road
- \$464 million investment in education infrastructure
- \$174.3 million Oaklands Crossing upgrade
- \$152.5 million electrification of the Gawler rail line to Salisbury
- \$55 million Gawler East Link Road
- \$16.4 million Port rail spur and station
- \$15 million new multi-level Park'n'Rides at Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig
- \$3.5 million upgrade of the Blackwood roundabout

State Government policy mandates that at least a 90% of the value of major infrastructure projects goes to South Australian contractors.

The same policies also ensure at least 90% of labour hours are undertaken by South Australians, with at least 20% for people who face barriers to employment, the long term unemployed and Aboriginal people.

There is no requirement to register for the industry briefing, which will be held tomorrow at the InterContinental Hotel from 1pm. Doors open at 12.30pm.

### Background

The State Government's record investment in infrastructure has generated hundreds of millions of dollars in direct benefits to the South Australian economy.

Major transport infrastructure projects already underway include:

- \$985 million Northern Connector Project
- \$896 million Torrens to Torrens Project
- \$620 million Darlington Upgrade
- \$238 million Torrens Rail Junction Project
- \$160 million O-Bahn City Access Project
- \$106.25 million APY Lands Main Access Road Upgrade

These projects are also supporting approximately 1500 jobs a year.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure holds regular industry briefings to ensure South Australian businesses gain the greatest advantage from the Government's record investment in infrastructure.

The briefing will focus on proposed procurement and tendering processes, construction timeframes, potential construction packages and opportunities for local industry participation.

**Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan**

The State Government's unprecedented investment in infrastructure provides a significant boost to economic activity in South Australia and is vital for growing economic activity and creating and supporting local jobs.

As well as delivering the projects for the best value, we're keen to deliver broader benefits from the projects to South Australia such as local employment and industry opportunities.

Engaging with business and industry from the outset means we can maximise the benefit to local firms and workers.

Our Government has made a deliberate commitment to provide opportunities to local businesses and contractors by setting in place policies which ensure South Australian businesses of all sizes share the benefits of this investment.

We want more and more businesses to be able to take advantage of that focus on local content and participation in major projects and industry briefings such as tomorrow's are a great opportunity to learn more about how to best place themselves to win contracts and tenders.