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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Ovingham level crossing grade separation takes next step

The Morrison and Marshall Governments are continuing to support jobs and local businesses by delivering crucial infrastructure across South Australia.

The \$231 million grade separation of the level crossing at Torrens Road, Ovingham has taken the next step with a Registration of Interest to prequalified industry companies to be released today for major works.

Currently the boom gates at this location are down for approximately 22 per cent of the time during the combined morning and afternoon peak periods.

Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure Alan Tudge said the project would support 120 local jobs each year over the life of the project.

"Getting rid of this level crossing will improve safety on our roads and cut travel times for the 23,000 vehicles on average, that pass through the crossing each day," said Mr Tudge.

"It will also mean improved reliability on the bus network and crucial freight productivity."

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll said the Marshall Government was continuing to fast track infrastructure projects to support local jobs and businesses.

"As we deal with the impacts of the Coronavirus, it is crucial for our economy, jobs and businesses that we continue building productive infrastructure in South Australia," said Minister Knoll.

"This project will support hundreds of jobs, provide more work for local businesses and improve our overall economic productivity."

This grade separation will be delivered under an Alliance framework, which saw the successful delivery of the Oaklands Crossing Grade Separation and North-South Corridor, Torrens Road to River Torrens Project.

The South Australian Government recently awarded the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication and Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication projects, which are also being delivered under an Alliance framework.

The Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure WANTIRNA SOUTH, VICTORIA

Companies are being invited to register their interest in the project, with a Request for Proposal expected to be called in late April 2020, as part of the next stage of the procurement process.

The level crossing crosses both the interstate rail line and the Gawler passenger rail line.

The Australian and South Australian Governments are jointly funding the \$231 million project.

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