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## **Lefevre Peninsula upgrades to support growing defence industry**

Workers in South Australia's growing defence industry - as well as local residents and visitors to the state - will benefit from a \$53.5 million road upgrade on the Lefevre Peninsula, as part of a broader \$100 million package of road and rail infrastructure improvement works co-funded by the state and federal governments.

The upgrade will increase the capacity of the road network to ensure it can support the defence expansion at Osborne, as well as other industries already established on the peninsula, and improve future heavy vehicle access to the port.

The upgrades are expected to commence in late 2023 and include:

- A realignment and upgrade of the junction of Victoria Road and Pelican Point Road;
- Upgrades to the Victoria Road and Veitch Road junction;
- Upgraded pedestrian crossings linking with paths to the Kardi Yarta playground, Biodiversity Park and defence industry car parks;
- Improved bike lanes and footpaths, and new landscaping adjacent to the upgrades.
- New LED road lighting, line marking and drainage.

Pavement rehabilitation works will be undertaken on sections of Victoria Road between Oliver Rogers Road, North Haven and Indarra Street, Taperoo.

These upgrades form part of a \$100 million commitment to road and rail infrastructure improvements on the Lefevre Peninsula jointly funded by the South Australian and Australian governments (50:50). It will support the creation of 205 jobs per year for the life of the project.

Community engagement on the project will commence in coming weeks, while works are expected to be complete in late 2024.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tom Koutsantonis**

*Improved access will be a boon to those working in defence and other sectors on the Lefevre Peninsula, but local residents will benefit as well.*

*The defence industry is set to boom in South Australia, with the defence precinct on the Lefevre Peninsula expected to double in size to support new submarines and other projects.*

*With an additional five thousand people set to be working in the area it is vital that local roads and other infrastructure are upgraded to effectively manage more vehicles and freight, and to improve safety for all road users.*

*Along with the Osborne Naval Shipyard, this area also houses Adelaide's container terminal, the Viterra grain terminal and the cruise ship terminal, so the surrounding infrastructure needs to be ready to support that growth.*