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PHONEY TONY TO CUT SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

Schools in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide will miss out on libraries, trades training centres and classrooms under Tony Abbott, Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth MP said today.

Ms Rishworth said that the Opposition had finally come clean on their plans to rip funding away from schools to pay for their campaign promises, following Opposition comments regarding funding for school infrastructure projects:

“We’ll come to some arrangement with you about whether you might keep half of that or whether you keep all of that or give some of that back to the Coalition”

- Shadow Education Minister Christopher Pyne, Meet the Press, 6 June 2010.

Under Tony Abbott, in the Southern Adelaide:

- Hallett Cove School, Reynella East High School, Willunga High School and Wirreanda High School will risk losing \$5.4 million in funding for trade training centres;
- 15 library projects are under threat;
- Construction on 43 classrooms will be stopped, and
- 746 students will not receive computers that have been promised to them.

“Tony Abbott needs to now explain to parents and schools why they won’t build the trades training centres or deliver the computers promised to them,” Ms Rishworth said.

“Their cuts will also mean school infrastructure projects will be left half complete with schools to pick up the tab for their completion.

“No school in our community will be immune from Tony Abbott’s cuts – and parents and schools shouldn’t be forced to pay for their election promises,” Mr Rishworth said.