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Amanda Rishworth MP

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GILLARD GOVERNMENT DELIVERS \$2 863 583 IN EARLY PAYMENTS TO COUNCILS IN SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston, welcomes the announcement that the Gillard Government will this week provide \$2 216 681 to Onkaparinga Council and \$646, 902 to Marion Council in early payments to help maintain local infrastructure and services.

Ms Rishworth said that this funding is as a result of the Federal Government's decision to bring forward one-quarter of the annual Financial Assistance Grants to assist them through the recovery from the global financial crisis.

Ms Rishworth said, "The Federal Government is determined to support local communities to deal with the impacts of the global financial crisis.

"By bringing forward some of the annual funding for local government, we are delivering vital assistance to support infrastructure and services in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide.

"We are providing record funding to local governments to improve local roads, provide libraries, sports grounds, swimming pools, community centres and other services."

Ms Rishworth said, "This is great news for residents of Southern Adelaide. Onkaparinga Council and Marion Council will be able to spend their grants on local priorities to deliver roads and services for our community."

Ms Rishworth said that these grants are on top of the money available to councils under the Federal Government's *Roads to Recovery* program and the *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program*.

Onkaparinga Council and Marion Council will receive their early Financial Assistance Grant payment this week. Councils and shires will receive the remainder of their grant in quarterly payments in the coming financial year.