



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS FUNDING TO SOUTHERN ADELAIDE**

The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP today welcomed the provision of \$30,000 from the Australian Government for the construction, maintenance and signage of local bushfire trail networks in the local community.

“This funding helps make the people of Southern Adelaide all that much safer if bushfires were to hit. This bushfire season, like those of past summers, shows the importance of ensuring trail networks are kept in good working order,” Ms Rishworth said.

“The Australian Government’s Bushfire Mitigation Program effectively brings together state suppression and land management agencies with local governments to combine resources to address the most critical fire trail works.”

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said, “Bushfire mitigation work is a national concern that can only be achieved through collaborative commitment by all levels of government and interaction with a wide range of land management agencies.”

“Bushfires in Australia pose a major threat to life and property. The community rightly expects that governments will do all they can to prevent these risks. The Australian Government is meeting this expectation through the Bushfire Mitigation Program.”

The Program addresses vital issues that have been identified by a number of bushfire inquiries including the House of Representatives Select Committee Report, titled ‘*A Nation Charred: Inquiry into the Recent Australian Bushfires*,’ and the Council of Australian Government’s ‘*National inquiry on Bushfire Mitigation and Management*’.

Further information on the Bushfire Mitigation Program can be found at: <http://www.ema.gov.au> or by contacting the Country Fire Service on: (08) 8463 4294.