



## **Amanda Rishworth MP**

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## **Duplication of Southern Expressway – Delivered**

The Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth has welcomed the Rann Labor Government's commitment to duplicate the Southern Expressway –the lifeline to the South.

"I am delighted the Rann Government will invest over \$445 million to duplicate the Southern Expressway and construct a new interchange at Darlington by 2014," Ms Rishworth said.

Amanda Rishworth has worked closely with the State Government and the local community to champion the importance of duplicating the Southern Expressway.

"This project will be part of the critical North-South link, creating a corridor of opportunities for the South – new jobs, new businesses and new community services."

Local residents, like Katharine Adderley, have overwhelmingly supported the need for this project that will deliver greater economic development opportunities and local jobs in the South.

Katharine Adderley travels bumper to bumper to Parkside daily and believes the duplication of the Southern Expressway is definitely needed.

"I'm not sure why it was ever built as a one-way road but I'm delighted by today's announcement – about time!" said Ms Adderley.

"Today is a big win for Southern Adelaide residents like Ms Adderley who were short changed by the previous Liberal Government," Ms Rishworth said.

"If the Southern Expressway had been built as a two-way road in 2001, it would have cost \$68 million – today it will be a \$370 million investment," said Ms Rishworth.

"Today's announcement shows Labor is serious about infrastructure for the South. The duplication of the Expressway complements the Federal Government's commitment to extend the Noarlunga rail line to Seaford," Ms Rishworth said.

Ms Rishworth applauds the Rann Government's commitment to begin construction at the end of next year with the completion date set for mid 2014.