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\$6.2 BILLION NATIONAL CAR PLAN

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP today welcomed the Rudd Labor Government's 13-year \$6.2 billion plan to transform the automotive industry announced Monday, 10 November 2008.

"This plan – titled *A New Plan for a Greener Future* – could not have come at a more important time for automotive manufacturers," Ms Rishworth said.

"The global financial crisis has placed unprecedented pressure on automotive manufacturers who have already been doing it tough.

"They have already had to contend with high petrol prices, changing consumer preferences and intense global competition.

"This plan will help ensure that automotive manufacturers play their part in manufacturing the vehicles of the future – vehicles that are more fuel efficient and emit fewer greenhouse gases.

"What this means for Southern Adelaide is secure, high skill, high-wage jobs in this critical manufacturing sector," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"Only 15 or so countries in the world can design, engineer and build a car from scratch and we want Southern Adelaide to be part of that capacity," Ms Rishworth MP said.

Ms Rishworth MP said the plan will maximise investment by inspiring confidence and encouraging self-reliance, and by requiring that every taxpayer dollar is matched by a three-fold contribution from industry.

The plan will work in four key areas:

- attracting new investment in long-term, sustainable vehicle production;
- greening the industry – improving fuel efficiency and reducing carbon emissions;
- strengthening the local supply chain and boosting skills; and

- linking to international supply chains and improving market access for Australian manufacturers.

The elements of the plan are:

- an expanded Green Car Innovation Fund of \$1.3 billion brought forward to 2009 and running over ten years;
- a better-targeted, greener, \$3.4 billion assistance program, the Automotive Transformation Scheme (ATS), running from 2011 to 2020;
- changes to the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme in 2010, consistent with the Bracks review proposals, to smooth the transition to the ATS (\$79.6 million);
- \$116.3 million to promote structural adjustment through mergers and consolidation in the components sector and to facilitate labour market adjustment;
- \$20 million from 2009–10 to help suppliers improve their capabilities and their integration in complex national and global supply chains;
- \$6.3 million from 2009–10 for an enhanced market access program;
- a new Automotive Industry Innovation Council, bringing key decision makers together to drive innovation and reform; and
- a \$10.5 million expansion of the LPG vehicle scheme, to start immediately, doubling payments to purchasers of new vehicles using LPG technology.

"The Rudd Government is committed to Australian manufacturing and providing high-skill, high-wage jobs for Southern Adelaide," Ms Rishworth MP said.

For more information on *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future*, including the full government response to the Review of Australia's Automotive Industry, visit www.innovation.gov.au/automotivereview .

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