



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

## **Member for Kingston**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **ONKAPARINGA DISTRICT COUNCIL TO SHARE IN EXTRA FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, is pleased the Rudd Labor Government has offered Onkaparinga District Council \$572,000 and \$123,000 to the Marion City Council, to build new or upgrade their existing community facilities such as libraries, community centres, sports grounds and environmental infrastructure.

The new funding has been made available following a \$220 million boost to the Community Infrastructure Program which was announced today by the Prime Minister at the second meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government.

“Today’s announcement builds on \$4,345,000 already provided to Onkaparinga District Council and the \$325,000 already provided to Marion City Council, since the establishment of the Community Infrastructure Program just eight months ago,” Ms Rishworth said.

“It is also in addition to the regular funding they receive from our Roads to Recovery Program and Financial Assistance Grants.”

The Rudd Government is working with the local government to modernise the nation’s community infrastructure and equip the sector with the tools essential to long term financial sustainability.

Together we are supporting local jobs today by building the infrastructure our communities will need tomorrow.

The extra \$220 million will be delivered as follows:

- \$100 million shared between all of the nation’s councils and shires; and
- \$120 million for larger Strategic Projects. All councils and shires will have the opportunity to compete for a share of this funding.

All up, the Rudd Government have now provided the nation’s councils and shires with more than \$1 billion since November last year – the largest ever Federal investment. As a result work on more than 3,300 projects is already underway across Australia.

“The Government will start delivering the extra \$220 million to councils and shires towards the end of 2009, giving councils the time to complete the existing projects funded under the Community Infrastructure Program, Ms Rishworth said.

Guidelines will be available in the near future. For further information:

<http://www.aclg.gov.au/cip/index.aspx>