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RUDD GOVERNMENT DELIVERS \$8,299,978 TO ONKAPARINGA DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government, and Member for Kingston Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, today announced that Onkaparinga District Council will receive \$8,299,978 in Financial Assistance Grants from the Rudd Labor Government in this financial year.

Mr Albanese said, "The Rudd Labor Government is supporting local communities by funding vital infrastructure and services."

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

"Across South Australia, the Rudd Labor Government is delivering \$131 million in Financial Assistance Grants to local councils in 2009-10."

Ms Rishworth said, "This is great news for Onkaparinga residents. The Council will be able to spend its grant on local priorities to deliver roads and services for the Onkaparinga community."

"Onkaparinga's residents expect good local roads, decent libraries, well-maintained parks, regular garbage pick-ups, and high quality child care and other services."

To help Onkaparinga deal with the effects of the global recession, the Rudd Government brought forward \$2,171,408 of Onkaparinga's 2009-10 grant and paid it to the council in June.

Mr Albanese said, "The grant is on top of the money available to Onkaparinga from the Government's *Roads to Recovery* program (\$1,653,982 in 2009-10), the *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program* (\$4,917,000 since November 2008) and supplementary local road funding for South Australian local government (\$861,916 in 2009-10)."

The level of Financial Assistance Grant for each South Australian local governing body was recommended by the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission, a body established under South Australian legislation.

Onkaparinga will receive its quarterly Financial Assistance Grant payment in the week of 31 August 2009.