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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2009 to the Hon Patrick Conlon MP, Minister for Transport, and myself, about funding for the Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program under the Nation Building and Jobs package. Minister Conlon has asked me to thank you for your letter and respond on his behalf.

I can confirm that South Australia accepts the Australia Government allocation of \$13.65 million (capped), with \$4.55 million in 2008-09 and \$9.1 million in 2009-10.

A list of proposed projects has been compiled for 2008-09 and 2009-10 based on the effective and efficient use of Australian Government funds according to the following criteria:

- Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM);
- Input from the South Australian Level Crossing Strategy Advisory Committee, e.g. focus on main line corridors (carrying high volume and high speed passenger and freight);
- Recorded crashes and incidents;
- Priority given to crossings on the Adelaide – Port Augusta line up to Mallala based on feedback from industry;
- Crossings in and near towns or population centres;
- Strategic road networks;
- Train driver line of sight perspective as approaching a crossing (track curvature, vegetation and passing loops);
- Number of tracks.

The 2008-09 projects have been selected on the basis that they can be completed before 30 June 2009 and the remaining high priority projects have been allocated in 2009-10. The type of treatment for each crossing has been chosen based on the guide to typical treatments sent to the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure on 25 February 2009. We have been conservative in the cost estimate for each project as it is based on initial site investigation work but not detailed design, and we would expect that any savings in the overall program would allow other high priority projects to be undertaken.

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In compiling the list of projects we have also received feedback from the rail industry (Australian Rail Track Corporation and Genesee Wyoming), train drivers and the Royal Automobile Association on their high priority level crossings.

I can also confirm that South Australia will continue to fund our State Level Crossing Safety program (with already committed funding levels) in addition to the Australian Government Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program.

The list of proposed level crossing projects for South Australia is attached. The list of projects, together with the Project Proposal Reports, has already been emailed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Road Safety

27 February 2009

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cc Hon Patrick Conlon MP, Minister for Transport