



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
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The Hon Patrick Conlon MP  
Minister for Transport  
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Dear Minister

*Patrick,*

I am pleased to advise that I have approved \$4.5 million of (capped) funding to South Australia, split \$0.3 million in 2008-09 and \$4.2 million in 2009-10, for two rest areas, five rest area upgrades, three truck parking bays and three truck parking bay upgrades on the Highway between Adelaide and Port Augusta, to improve safety on the route. A copy of the Project Approval Instrument is attached for your information.

As you are aware the funding is subject to the requirements of the *Auslink (National Land Transport) Act 2005* (the Act), as outlined to you in the letter dated 9 January 2009. Further to the requirements of the Act the funding is also provisional on the conditions outlined below.

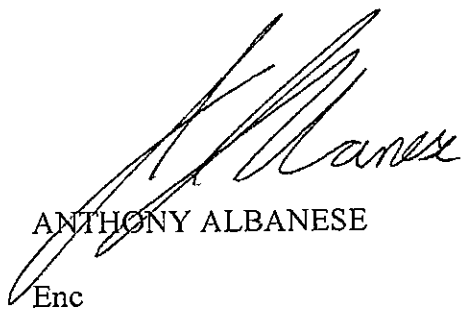
Your Department is required to report to my Department on progress, including information on the number of direct and indirect jobs which have been created by the Project. My Department will contact your Department on timing of payments, and how progress is to be monitored. If savings should occur, the savings and any interest earned must be expended on other approved projects or on new projects subject to the agreement of the Australian Government. As the Australian Government funding is capped, any increase in the estimated total cost is to be paid by South Australia.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is required to liaise with relevant environmental agencies to identify environmental and or heritage issues that need to be addressed. Any matters of national environmental or heritage significance must be referred to the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

The Government will invite further submissions this year for the second round of \$40 million.

I look forward to working with you on this program.

Yours sincerely



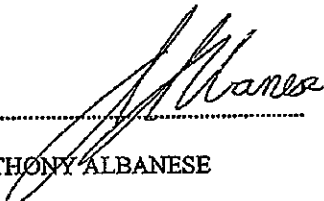
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**AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005  
Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Project  
Approval No. SPT3391**

I, ANTHONY NORMAN ALBANESE, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government:

- a) being satisfied that the project referred to below (the Project) is eligible for approval in accordance with section 10 of the *AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005* (the Act) and considering that it is appropriate to approve the Project in accordance with section 11 of the Act, approve the Project as an AusLink National Project under subsection 9(1) of the Act; and
- b) approve, under subsection 17(1) of the Act, the provision of Commonwealth funding for the Project to the eligible funding recipient identified below.

  
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 ANTHONY ALBANESE

10.3.2009

<b>Project No.</b>	032926-08SA-HVS
<b>Project Name</b>	Adelaide to Port Augusta Rest Area Project
<b>Project Description</b>	The Project consists of the planning, design and construction of high priority roadside rest areas and rest area improvements that will result in new Minor Rest areas, Rest Area upgrades, new Truck Parking Bays and Truck Parking Bay upgrades on the Adelaide to Port Augusta National Highway.
<b>Maximum Funding Amount that the Commonwealth may Contribute</b>	\$4,500,000
<b>Eligible Funding Recipient</b>	State of South Australia Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure