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Massive \$11.9 billion infrastructure investment to grow the economy and jobs

The Marshall Liberal Government is investing in a significant infrastructure program to drive ongoing positive economic and jobs growth in South Australia, while leaving a legacy for future generations.

The 2019-20 State Budget includes an \$11.9 billion pipeline of projects over the four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23, which will not only transform the face of Adelaide and the regions but create a steady stream of jobs across the construction and trades sector.

Premier Steven Marshall said the comprehensive capital works program would produce world-class schools, hospitals and cultural, innovation and tourism precincts, while building safer roads right across SA to help save lives and bust congestion and reduce travel times.

“The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in the state’s health infrastructure, including a provision of \$550 million over the forward estimates towards a new state-of-the-art Women’s and Children’s Hospital, co-located with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital within the Adelaide BioMed City,” said Premier Marshall.

“This builds on our massive funding injection into Health, which has seen the delivery of key commitments including reactivating the Repat (\$69.1 million over 4 years) and ongoing major upgrades at the Modbury Hospital (\$97 million), and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (\$264 million) for stage 3 of its redevelopment, including a new emergency department and operating theatres.

“We also remain committed to improving country health facilities (\$140 million over 10 years) – with such works critical to supporting the health and wellbeing of South Australians.”

“We are also investing \$1.4 billion on schools and VET infrastructure, including \$873 million into capital projects to improve school facilities across the state, support sustainable enrolment growth in government schools and transition Year 7 into high school.

“Glossop High School will receive \$17.2 million to bring together its two campuses and accommodate all year levels on the Berri campus, creating capacity for 800 Year 7 to 12 students, while \$361 million will be spent on building three new government schools, including a Year 7 to 12 secondary school in Whyalla, and birth to Year 12 schools in the Munno Para and Sellicks Beach/Aldinga regions, to be completed as Public Private Partnerships.”

Mr Marshall said the Marshall and Morrison Liberal Governments’ 10-year \$551 million Adelaide City Deal would drive infrastructure projects at Lot Fourteen, such as the Innovation Hub, the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Gallery, an International Centre for Food, Hospitality and Tourism Studies and Indigenous Business Hub.

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“This budget provides \$150 million for the development of the Government’s flagship Aboriginal Art and Cultures Gallery at Lot Fourteen,” said Mr Lucas.

“The investment will go towards the final cost of the Gallery, with the final design and cost to be determined after receipt of the business case.

“A further \$14 million has been invested into the Heysens at Hahndorf, Carrick Hill House, Mitcham Hills Trail and Glenthorne Trail, all of which will boost the tourism economy.”

This budget also provides \$182 million for the redevelopment of the Adelaide Festival Plaza precinct, \$155 million to construct the Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme to supply treated water from the Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Northern Adelaide Plains, and \$390 million for solar PV generation and storage solutions on SA Water assets.

The budget also provides funding for sporting infrastructure, including \$10 million for a new roof at Memorial Drive, as well as funding to develop a State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan (\$500,000 over two years).

“Through our constructive and mature relationship with the Commonwealth Government we have been able to secure \$2.8 billion of new federal infrastructure funding. While some of this funding will be received beyond the current forward estimates, the funds support projects that are commencing in the 2019-20 State Budget.

“This significant infrastructure investment means we can build and upgrade roads and intersections right across the state to bolster safety, grow the economy and help create more local jobs.

“This budget will also deliver \$252 million over the forward estimates towards the final 10.5km stretch between the River Torrens and Darlington. The Marshall and Morrison Liberal Governments have committed \$5.4 billion towards the final section of the North-South Corridor – making it the biggest infrastructure project in South Australia’s history, with the final cost to be determined once the business case is concluded.”