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SA Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
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SA Member for MacKillop

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## **PENOLA NORTHERN BYPASS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED**

South Australian company McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd has been awarded the main works contract for the \$14.6 million Penola Northern Bypass Project.

The project is expected to support around 47 full time equivalent jobs over the life of the project and is set to be open to traffic by mid-2020. The \$14.6 million Northern Bypass is jointly funded, with the Federal Liberal and Nationals Government committing \$11.7 million and the South Australian Government committing \$2.9 million.

The Penola Northern Bypass forms part of a commitment to deliver a complete bypass of the Penola Township.

It will be a continuation of the Penola Southern Bypass from the Robe to Clay Wells Road to the Riddoch Highway to the north of the Penola Township.

The project also includes the construction of a T-junction at the northern end of the Northern Bypass with the Riddoch Highway, a staggered T-junction where the Northern Bypass and Southern Bypass meet the Robe to Clay Wells Road, and realignment of the Riddoch Highway T-junction with the existing Southern Bypass.

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the effect of this project would be felt by regional workers for years to come.

“We are removing the barriers which have held back industry transport for far too long. Constructing the Penola Northern Bypass is yet another step in paving the way for local industry to thrive,” Minister McCormack said.

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll said this important project formed part of the Marshall Government’s \$11.9 billion pipeline of infrastructure works.

“In the last State Budget the Marshall Liberal Government announced a record level of regional road funding to building stronger regional communities and improve safety on our country roads,” Minister Knoll said.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said orchestrating the contract between Federal and State Government is a victory for inter-branch government collaboration.

“The Penola Bypass has been a long time coming. After being spoken about for over 50 years, it took considerable lobbying at a State and Federal level to get the northern half of the project off the ground. Without the Federal Government committing the \$11.7 million, the bypass would remain a half finished road to nowhere.

“Every milestone reached is a win worth celebrating as we see what has been a road to no-where finally finished,” Mr Pasin said.

Member for MacKillop Nick McBride said the bypass would significantly reduce heavy vehicle traffic volumes through the Penola Township making it safer for the local community.

“This project will help reduce the conflict between heavy vehicles, pedestrians and local traffic and also reduce travel time and create improved access for heavy vehicles,” Mr McBride said.

“The bypass will cater for commercial vehicles travelling on the Robe to Clay Wells Road and Riddoch Highway generated from timber plantations in the area, and improve freight efficiencies supporting the Limestone Coast’s highly productive economy.”

For more information on the project visit

[https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road\\_projects/penolabypass](https://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road_projects/penolabypass)

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