



# Senator the Hon Carol Brown Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

## The Hon Geoff Brock MP Minister for Regional Roads

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### WORKS TO COMMENCE ON MARRABEL ROAD TO IMPROVE SAFETY

Upgrades are being delivered along Marrabel Road in the Mid North to improve road safety and heavy vehicle productivity between Saddleworth and Eudunda.

The works, which began on 6 February, include replacing the culvert over Light River on Marrabel Road with a wider structure and upgrading the junction of Marrabel Road with Curio Road.

The junction upgrade will deliver new turning lanes at the Marrabel Road and Curio Road junction, as well as new safety barriers, service relocation and vegetation work.

The Australian Government has committed \$5 million towards this \$6.3 million project under its Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP), with the South Australian Government committing the remaining \$1.3 million.

Project completion is expected in mid-2023, weather permitting.

To safely facilitate these works, traffic will be reduced to a single lane with temporary traffic signals in place to control the direction of traffic. Speed restrictions will also be in place throughout the work area for the duration of the project.

Road users are asked to please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and take extra care when workers are on site. Observe speed limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area.

For more information on the HVSPP, visit <a href="https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/heavy-vehicle-safety-and-productivity-program.aspx">https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/heavy-vehicle-safety-and-productivity-program.aspx</a>.

### **Quotes attributable to Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Carol Brown:**

"This is a fantastic example of the HVSPP in action, funding infrastructure projects across the state and Australia that improve productivity and safety outcomes for heavy vehicle operations.

"Truckies frequenting Marrabel Road between Saddleworth and Eudunda will soon benefit from smoother, safer journeys – which will provide a real boon for them, the businesses they support and the local communities.

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"We know how what a difference works like this make, which is why we have an ongoing commitment of \$65 million per year to the HVSPP."

### **Quotes attributable to State Minister for Regional Roads Geoff Brock:**

"The replacement and strengthening of the culvert over Light River on Marrabel Road and the upgrade of the junction at Marrabel Road and Curio Road is welcome news for all road users in the Mid North.

"These works will improve safety and productivity outcomes for heavy vehicles operating between Saddleworth and Eudunda.

"The culvert replacement is part of a series of upgrades to bridges and culverts across regional South Australia, extending the service life of the structures and improving safety for road users.

"In addition to these works, the introduction of new turning lanes as part of the junction upgrade at Marrabel Road and Curio Road will improve road safety and traffic flow.

"We thank all road users for their patience while these important works are being undertaken."

### Quotes attributed to Senator Karen Grogan, Senator for South Australia:

"The upgrades on Marrabel Road and Curio Road will make traveling on regional roads in the Mid North safer for all road users.

"This investment is yet another example of the Australian Government's commitment to improving the safety of our rural and regional roads."

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