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### **Crushing contract awarded for APY Lands Main Access Road**

- **Works will soon start on 250,000 tonne crushing project**
- **Crushing contract awarded to SA business - Exact Mining Services**
- **Works will improve living standards of the local Anangu by providing better access to essential services and facilities**

Works are set to start on a 250,000 tonne crushing project for the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Main Access Road Upgrade project after the contract was awarded to a South Australian business.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said South Australian business Exact Mining Services would provide local jobs in the community and the works would include crushing 250,000 tonnes of pavement material for the project in the Fregon area.

“The works are part of the upgrade of 210 kilometres of the Main Access Road and 21 kilometres of community access roads between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja, or Ernabella, in the APY Lands,” Mr Chester said.

“This project aims to improve living standards of the local Anangu by providing better access to essential services and facilities, along with reduced travel times and vehicle operating costs.”

South Australian Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said the local APY Lands community would also benefit from the work created by the contract.

“The State Government, together with the APY Executive Board, has committed to ensure a minimum of 30 per cent of the total on-site labour hours are undertaken by local Anangu,” Mr Mullighan said.

“Earlier this month I was pleased to meet some of the locals who are working on this project when the State Cabinet met in the APY Lands.”

Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey said the broader project would provide better access to essential services and facilities.

“This project will decrease the impact of flooding, as well as deliver reduced travel times and vehicle operating costs,” Mr Ramsey said.

“The works on this first major section are expected to be completed at the end of this year. The full project is due for completion in 2019.”

State Member for Giles Eddie Hughes said the partnership between the State and Australian governments was delivering positive outcomes for the people in the APY Lands.

“We’ve recently seen first-hand the benefits this transport infrastructure project is having during construction in terms of work for the Anangu but it’s also very evident how significant the long-term benefits will be in terms of access and safety,” Mr Hughes said.

The crushing works will commence this month and be completed by the end of 2017.

The Australian Government is contributing \$85 million towards the \$106.25 million project, with the South Australian Government contributing \$21.25 million.

For further information on the APY Lands Main Access Road Upgrade project page, visit <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/apylands>.

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