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New employment and training centre to boost employment in South Australia

South Australian jobseekers will have unprecedented access to job vacancies on the \$985 million *Northern Connector* project with the opening of a 'one-stop shop' for employment, training and education today.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the facility, titled 'NorthHub', sets a new benchmark for local industry participation on public infrastructure projects in South Australia.

"This facility is an innovative way to ensure local communities are receiving the full range of benefits major infrastructure projects can provide, and that includes employment opportunities," Mr Fletcher said.

Senator for South Australia David Fawcett said "NorthHub will provide support for around 480 jobs each year in a variety of roles such as civil and formwork construction workers, site supervisors, project engineers, safety professionals, administrative professionals, and trainees and apprentices.

"The service can be accessed both online or in person at the Northern Connector project site at Waterloo Corner, where jobseekers can speak directly to staff about the opportunities on offer."

South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill said seven former workers from Holden manufacturing and the broader automotive industry were among the 70 new South Australian employees already working on the project.

"NorthHub will be vital in ensuring that local people benefit most from this major transport infrastructure project, and we have made a commitment that more than half the workforce will be from the northern suburbs," Mr Weatherill said.

"NorthHub will provide opportunities for locals to find work or train towards gaining employment on the project which is critical for an area experiencing higher unemployment than other parts of the state and which is facing the impending closure of the Holden factory."

South Australian Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan said already positions were being advertised and filled via the NorthHub website, which supports the on-site facility.

"Jobs are already currently listed and available and are expected to increase when major construction on the project gets underway shortly," Mr Mullighan said.

“Interested jobseekers can register for expressions of interest online to receive alerts when jobs become available.”

The Northern Connector project is a 15-kilometre expressway travelling from the North-South Motorway to the Max Fatchen Expressway and is being jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$788 million) and the South Australian Government (\$197 million).

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