

## Hon Stephan Knoll MP

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government

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### **Gawler East Link Road project underway**

The first sod will today be turned on the 5.5-kilometre Gawler East Link Road (GERL) Project which will support approximately 110 jobs during construction.

The \$55 million project will link Main North Road to the new residential developments in Gawler's east and will include intersection and road upgrades, as well as a bridge over South Para River.

"This is not only a great project to help grow the town of Gawler, but it is also great news for construction jobs in South Australia," said Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

"The Marshall Government announced a record level of infrastructure spending in our first State Budget, with \$11.3 billion over the next four years.

"It's productive infrastructure projects like this one that help build our strong infrastructure pipeline that will support and grow the thousands of construction jobs here in South Australia.

"This project will help unlock the massive potential for growth in Gawler's East, ease traffic congestion and cut travel times."

Town of Gawler Mayor Karen Redman said it was great to see the construction of the Gawler East Link Road starting as this project delivers both investment and jobs in Gawler which are fantastic outcomes for our community.

"Gawler is earmarked for major population growth and development in the next 10 years with Gawler East being a key residential development zone catering for this growth," said Mayor Redman.

"The Link Road is important infrastructure that will set us up for success as we grow.

"Council is supporting the State Government with this project providing \$2.4m funding, with an additional \$4.9m of the Link Road's cost via contributions from the developer Springwood over time."

The Gawler East Link project will support Springwood's 200-hectare development consisting of approximately 2,000 new homes and 6,000 people.

Warwick Mittiga, Springwood's Project Director, said he was thrilled to have reached this important milestone in the delivery of the Gawler East Link Road.

"This project will transform the eastern area of Gawler, creating faster, more efficient and easier travel between Springwood and the Adelaide CBD," said Warwick Mittiga.

"Importantly, it supports Springwood's expanding residential community, facilitating the delivery of a new shopping precinct and unlocking the travel congestion of central Gawler.

"We thank Minister Knoll and State Government for their ongoing support of growth in the area and look forward to opening the road in time for Christmas next year."