

## **Hon Stephen Mullighan MP** Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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### **Outer Harbor and Grange services resume**

Services on the Outer Harbor and Grange rail lines have resumed on schedule this morning after three weeks of works, including the construction of a new rail overpass.

The overpass is part of the \$896 million Torrens Road to River Torrens Project and has removed the level crossing at South Road.

The overpass and train line have opened on schedule due to the hard work of more than 110 dedicated staff working around the clock.

### **Background**

This level crossing was among South Australia's worst. More than 150 Grange and Outer Harbor train services passed through the level crossing every weekday.

On average, the boom gates were down for approximately a minute each time – nearly two and half hours during the day - causing frustration, distress and delay for motorists.

Removing the boom gates has already reduced congestion for the more than 50,000 vehicles which use the road every day and improve travel times for western suburbs train commuters.

### **Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan**

We would like to thank passengers for their patience and cooperation during this essential closure for these important major works on the road and rail corridors.

It has been disruptive but the benefits will be immense – less congestion, improved travel times and better public transport for passengers in Adelaide's west.

Separating this rail line from vehicle traffic has already help to improve travel times for commuters, freight and transport vehicles and all road users who navigate this part of Adelaide's western suburbs every day.

By taking advantage of the summer holiday period the disruptions were restricted to the quietest time of the year for rail services, and we were able to take advantage of the closure to complete other major works along this important public transport corridor.