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## **Joint Media Statement**

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## Local jobs boost with Torrens to Torrens upgrade

Almost 500 jobs will be supported through the construction of the Torrens Road to River Torrens, North-South Corridor upgrade.

The State and Federal governments yesterday announced that the tender for the improved Torrens Road to River Torrens project would go to a consortium, T2T Alliance, made up of three companies, including a South Australian company.

The Assistant Federal Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Jamie Briggs said construction was due to begin mid-year.

"This is great news for jobs in South Australia with a local company, York Civil, named as part of the consortium," Mr Briggs said.

"About 480 jobs will be supported each year of construction of this project and that is on top of the 370 jobs each year for the Darlington upgrade at the other end of the North-South Corridor."

"This project is another example of the Australian Government investing in world class infrastructure to create hundreds of jobs and grow the South Australian economy so everyone can prosper."

The South Australian Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said the project would be conducted in line with the State Government's Industry Participation Policy.

"Our Industry Participation Policy will ensure local businesses leverage maximum opportunities from this \$896 million project," Mr Mullighan said.

"The State Government will be enforcing industry participation plans through penalties for non-compliance to ensure the commitments made are met.

"In addition, as with all major infrastructure projects, the State Government will require a minimum of 20 per cent of the total labour hours to be carried out by apprentices and trainees, Aboriginal workers and people facing barriers to employment."

Dominic Vieceli from York Civil – a member of the T2T alliance - said the project represented a great opportunity for York Civil to continue to grow its business in its home state of South Australia.

"We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with our local suppliers and subcontractors in the successful delivery of the project," he said.

Minister Mullighan said York Civil has been integral in the successful deliver of a number of key South Australian transport projects including the Northern Expressway, Goodwood Junction Rail Grade Separation, Port River Expressway and other projects.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018.