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Marshall Government invests in EP Roads

The Marshall Liberal Government will partner with the Federal Government to invest \$32 million to upgrade roads across the Eyre Peninsula.

The announcement follows GWA and Viterro's decision to no longer use the rail network to transport grain across the EP.

The Federal Government announced an investment of \$25.6 million in the recent Federal Budget for this project, with the Marshall Government investing \$6.4 million.

This funding forms part of the \$100 million announcement from the Federal Government to upgrade the South Australia section of the Port Augusta to Perth corridor.

Road upgrades across the Eyre Peninsula may include:

- Overtaking lanes;
- Road widening and shoulder sealing; and,
- Road safety improvements.

"The Marshall Government moved quickly to secure Federal funding and chip in more state government money to upgrade roads across the Eyre Peninsula," said Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

"This will assist the road network in managing the additional road freight movements.

"We know that already about 60 to 70 per cent of grain is currently hauled by road on the Eyre Peninsula.

"The way grain is transported around Eyre Peninsula is likely to change with the establishment of the T-Ports facility at Lucky Bay, which is planning to receive grain for the 2019 harvest.

"That's why we're investing in these roads, to make them safer for all road users.

"The package of works could involve building more overtaking lanes, road widening and shoulder sealing and other road safety improvements.

"The State Government will also work closely with Eyre Peninsula councils and industry to identify opportunities to target the roads package to improve road safety outcomes.

"I recently visited the EP to meet with councils and other stakeholders to begin that conversation."

Member for Flinders Peter Treloar said the \$32 million investment by the Marshall Liberal Government and Federal Government was welcome news for the Eyre Peninsula.

“Investing in our road network has certainly been high on the agenda for the local community EP community for some time,” said Mr Treloar.

“This \$32 million investment in roads is good news following the decision by GWA and Viterra to no longer continue using the rail line.

“This significant investment in EP roads will benefit the local community, making the roads safer for everyone.

“We are investing in these roads to make them safer for locals, truck drivers and tourists alike.

“I have been working closely with Rowan Ramsey and the Minister to help secure this funding for our roads and I’m looking forward to keeping the community informed about how and when we will be upgrading these roads.”