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### MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TIM WHETSTONE MP

### MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STEPHAN KNOLL MP

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### Building better regions

The Marshall Liberal Government is delivering for regional South Australia, investing in key regional infrastructure, jobs and services projects.

Key regional initiatives include;

- Regional Growth Fund (\$150 million over 10 years; \$15 million per annum)
- Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund (\$315 million over the forward estimates)
- Joy Baluch AM Bridge (\$200 million)
- Port Wakefield overpass and Augusta Highway widening (\$88.5 million)
- Penola bypass (\$14.6 million)
- Regional Development Australia Boards (\$12 million over four years)
- Mobile phone black spots funding (\$10 million)
- Nairne intersection upgrade (\$5 million)

“The Marshall Liberal Government is investing to improve the lives of those living in regional South Australia,” said Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Tim Whetstone.

“We are backing our regions and will deliver a host of measures to improve regional infrastructure, grow regional economies and support regional jobs.

“For the last 16 years the previous Labor administration neglected and underinvested in regional South Australia.

“Our \$15 million annual Regional Growth Fund will unlock new economic activity in the regions, helping to grow business and create more jobs.

“In this day and age connectivity is so important for regional businesses and communities and that’s why we’re investing \$10 million over three years in mobile phone black spots funding.

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“We’re also providing security to the RDAs by delivering \$12 million of funding over the next four years, ensuring they can continue doing great work to grow our regions.”

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll said that the State Government was investing in regional infrastructure that had been neglected by 16 years of Labor.

“The Marshall Government understands how important regional roads and infrastructure are for the future prosperity of our state,” said Minister Knoll.

“That’s why we’re dedicating \$315 million over the next four years to invest in regional roads and other infrastructure through our Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund.

“Through this fund, we are delivering state funding for key regional infrastructure projects like the Joy Baluch AM bridge, Port Wakefield overpass and Augusta Highway Widening, Penola bypass and Nairne intersection upgrade.”