

# DARLINGTON UPGRADE

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“The South Australian Liberals have a strong plan to get South Australia moving. If elected, we will work with the Federal Government to jointly fund the important upgrade of South Road at Darlington.”

Steven Marshall  
State Liberal Leader

# INTRODUCTION

## Darlington Upgrade

South Australians deserve first class infrastructure. That means infrastructure that keeps traffic moving, ensuring commuters spend less time behind the wheel and more time at home, at work or with family and friends.

By 2020, avoidable congestion will cost the Australian economy a staggering \$20 billion per year. This translates to \$1.1 billion in lost productivity in South Australia every year.

We must act now to turn this trend around and to ensure that businesses and South Australians are supported by quality and productive infrastructure. We need to take Labor's handbrake off the South Australian economy.

Delivering a non-stop North-South corridor has been identified by the State's leading industry groups as Adelaide's number one infrastructure priority.

That is why the Federal Coalition Government recently announced \$500 million towards upgrading South Road at Darlington. The project has been welcomed by the community and will complement and improve the Southern Expressway. It is a key step in speeding up our transport network.

If elected in March 2014, a Marshall Liberal Government will deliver an upgrade of South Road at Darlington. We will jointly fund this critical project and commit up to \$520 million to ensure it is completed.



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## THE NEED FOR CHANGE

### Darlington Upgrade

Adelaide's main transport route, the North-South corridor, has become a series of bottlenecks that bring traffic to a standstill and reduce productivity. Our State's infrastructure has not kept up with our growing population and its needs. The Government has the wrong priorities.

One of the biggest bottlenecks is at Darlington, where there are three major intersections in just 1000 metres. At the end of the Southern Expressway, at Flinders Drive and at Sturt Road, traffic is regularly stopped as a result of busy intersecting roads.

Problems at Darlington will only get worse when the duplicated Southern Expressway opens. When the Expressway duplication was first announced, the State Government promised a traffic light-free interchange but this project has not been delivered.

Without an upgrade, motorists using the Expressway will continue to be hit with heavy traffic when they reach South Road. A 100 kilometre per hour freeway with multiple lanes will come to a standstill.

Importantly, sitting in traffic is not the only serious concern at Darlington. The intersection at South Road and Sturt Road needs to be reconfigured to reduce the number of crashes and serious injuries per year. It is dangerous and needs improvement.



The State Labor Government has sat on its hands while 76,500 vehicles have used South Road at Darlington every day. Labor has let down commuters from the southern suburbs.

In 2005, Labor promised to upgrade South Road between Port Road and Grange Road with a tunnel – this was scrapped.

Labor then said its priority was the Darlington section of South Road, announcing a Sturt Road underpass - this was scrapped.

Labor then announced an interchange at Darlington as a seamless connection with a duplicated Southern Expressway – this was scrapped.

Labor continued to spruik Darlington as its priority section of South Road – until Tony Abbott announced \$500 million in federal funds for Darlington. State Labor has now abandoned it.

“After years of broken Labor promises, South Australians deserve better.”

Steven Marshall  
State Liberal Leader

## HISTORY OF SOUTH ROAD AT DARLINGTON

February 2006

Labor announced a Sturt Road underpass on South Road  
(Since **SCRAPPED**)

February 2010

Labor announced a traffic light free Southern Expressway Interchange  
(Since **SCRAPPED**)

April 2013

The Federal Coalition announced \$500 million to upgrade Darlington

October 2013

State Liberal Leader Steven Marshall committed up to \$520 million to complete an upgrade at Darlington



**The South Australian Liberals have a strong plan to improve South Road at Darlington. If elected in March 2014, this will be our priority.**

***We will:***

- Commit up to \$520 million to jointly fund an upgrade to South Road at Darlington with the Federal Coalition Government.
- Work closely with Infrastructure Australia to ensure the project is delivered the right way and that funds are spent in the best interests of taxpayers.

***Upgrading South Road at Darlington will mean:***

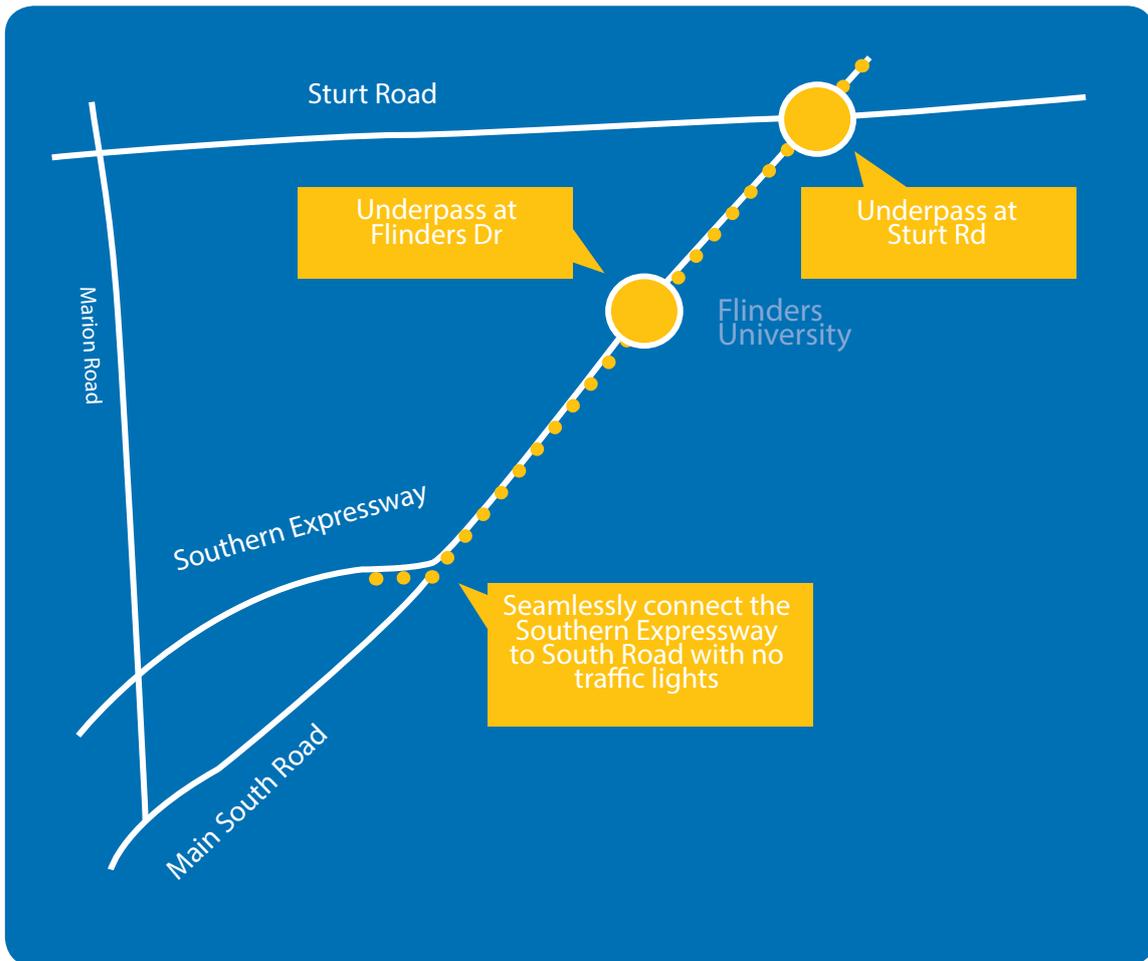
- Free flowing traffic
- Improved commuter safety
- Reduced congestion
- Maximised benefits of the Southern Expressway duplication

***Our plan to upgrade South Road at Darlington will include:***

- Reconfiguring South Road by removing three intersections to deliver non-stop traffic from Flagstaff Road to Ayliffes Road.
- Building an underpass along South Road below Flinders Drive and Sturt Road.
- Creating a seamless connection from the duplicated Southern Expressway onto South Road.

Under our plan, commuters will travel on a first class road - faster, safer and more productive

### *Our plan to upgrade South Road at Darlington:*



*Reduced Congestion*



*Shorter Travel Times*



*Improved Safety*



### Feedback

If you would like to have your say on our plan to upgrade South Road at Darlington please get in touch:



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