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## **Ceremony marks opening of Curtis Road Bridge**

A tree planting ceremony undertaken by students from Trinity College Gawler River was held this morning (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September) at the Curtis Road interchange to mark the pending opening of the bridge as part of the NEXY project.

All tiers of government were present at the tree planting with Mayor Martin Lindsell representing local government, Light MP Tony Piccolo representing the State, while the member for Wakefield Mr Nick Champion standing in for the Federal Government.

Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo said the students also attended the onsite nursery where approximately 750,000 plants are being propagated, to learn about the landscaping and other environmental aspects of the project.

Mr Piccolo said Curtis Road is one of the interchanges that was originally proposed as a partial interchange, but is now a full interchange as an outcome of the community engagement process.

“Curtis Road is a key route for vehicles travelling to the suburbs of Macdonald Park, Andrews Farm, Davoren Park, Smithfield Plains and Munno Para Downs.” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said he had been advised 750 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete were poured and 110 tonnes of reinforcing steel were used to build the bridge.

“The interchange has involved 17,000 hours of work, including the construction of the pedestrian walkway”

“95% of workers on the site are from South Australia and approximately 50% are north of Gepps Cross” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said the federally funded project will not only improve road safety in the region but has been a huge jobs boost for the area.

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