

# News Release

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## Two Wells Underpass Opens!

**The opening of the Two Wells Road underpass on Friday marked another significant milestone in the South Australia's biggest road project in more than half a century.**

Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo said that after eight weeks of on-site work culminating in more than 18,000 labour hours, ended on Friday with the opening of the Two Wells underpass to traffic.

Mr Piccolo said that he had been advised that in all, the underpass comprises:

- 10, 48 tonne pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete beams
- 405 cubic metres of poured concrete
- 80 tonnes of reinforcing steel; and
- 56, 3.2 tonne pre-cast concrete barriers
- and 20 happy road users who were given a t-shirt as a memento of being the first people to travel through the underpass.

Mr Piccolo said the massive Northern Expressway construction project remains on schedule to be finished in September 2010 providing a 23 kilometre link between the Sturt Highway with Port Wakefield Road.

“When construction is complete travel times between Adelaide and the regions to the north will be reduced by around 20 minutes” said Mr Piccolo.

“Thousands of trucks will be using the Expressway instead of local roads.” he said.

Wakefield Federal MP Mr Nick Champion said in excess of 2,800 people have been employed on the project.

“Many are residents of nearby communities with ambitious targets consistently exceeded for the employment of young people” said Mr Champion.

“The project has also engaged more than 850 suppliers and subcontractors and deployed almost 900 items of plant to date.” he said.

Mr Piccolo said more than 84% plant suppliers list South Australia as their principle place of business and many are from the northern area.

Mr Piccolo thanked local residents for their patience while road works were in progress.

The Northern Expressway project is a joint initiative of the Australian (\$451.2 million) and South Australian governments (\$112.8 million).

For further details about the NEXY project visit:

[www.northernexpressway.sa.gov.au](http://www.northernexpressway.sa.gov.au).