

News Release **Minister Stephen Mullighan**

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Two-way Southern Expressway open to traffic this Sunday

Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan today announced the long-anticipated Southern Expressway duplication will be opened to traffic from this Sunday.

“After fifteen years, South Australians are finally getting the road they deserve, with the opening of the \$407 million, 18.5 kilometre, two-way expressway,” Mr Mullighan said.

“The State Government is proud to provide important transport infrastructure upgrades to the south – as well the two-way expressway, we’ve delivered the newly-electrified Seaford line, and will soon start major works on the Darlington upgrade.

“We look forward to motorists taking their first drive on this magnificent new expressway from 3pm this Sunday afternoon.

“For many years, the one-way road was an embarrassment and a source of frustration to motorists, and this Labor Government has delivered on its commitment to duplicate it.

“Around 1800 workers – more than 90 per cent of them South Australian and 58 per cent from the south – have delivered this project, and they should be congratulated for doing such a wonderful job.

“Local residents and businesses have been very understanding during the construction, and I’d like to thank them for their patience.

“Motorists should note some construction activities will continue for several weeks following the opening, requiring some lane restrictions, interpeak and weekend closures, and reduced speed limits as the asphalt surface is bedded in.”