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Victor Harbor road - Crucial extension to Mount Compass

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Alexandrina Council welcomes the announcement to duplicate the Victor Harbor Road to McLaren Vale. It is very exciting for the Fleurieu and we acknowledge and thank the Australian and South Australian Governments for their commitment to our region.

Given our relatively close proximity to Adelaide, any reduction in commuting times, as well as improvements in safety are likely to be well received by Alexandrina residents and visitors alike - making it even more appealing to live and work in our community

'Alexandrina Council recognise the vital importance of advocating to state and federal governments for improved roads in our region. We will continue to work with government partners and key stakeholders to improve the safety and efficiency of our roads', said Mayor Keith Parkes.

"The role of federal funding in local roads should not be underestimated. In order to maintain Alexandrina's 1,348 kms of sealed and unsealed roads, continuation of Supplementary Local Roads Grant funding beyond 2022 is critical," Mayor Parkes said.

Alexandrina Council has a long history of advocating for our major roads. "While we are most pleased with the recent announcements, it would be mutually beneficial to commuters and visitors to the region alike, that further stages are planned and announced to extend the four lanes from the top of Willunga Hill onwards to Mount Compass.

"Concern has been raised by councillors and community about the conditions they are finding as they commute daily, and as population and visitation increases, it just makes good common sense to extend this section of road," Mayor Parkes said.

To appropriately plan and manage for the likelihood of increased traffic volumes, Alexandrina Council urges our political parties and candidates to build on the 2019 Federal Budget commitment for duplication of the Victor Harbor Road with future extensions past McLaren Vale to upgrade roads beyond this point such as through to Mount Compass, on to Goolwa, to Port Elliot and to Victor Harbor.

In an introductory letter sent to the State Government, we noted a priority for *'road safety improvements for a number of Alexandrina's main arterial and collector roads*. We have also specifically written to the State Government, based on a Council resolution, about the state of the Mount Compass to Goolwa

Road. As well as road widening and other improvements, overtaking lanes and extension of existing dual carriageway roads in the Alexandrina region are needed now.

Alexandrina Council also seeks consideration of parties and candidates for investment in constructing a bypass behind Middleton from the intersection of Airport Road and Flagstaff Hill Road to Waterport Road to build on the South Coast Freight Corridor, thereby supporting regional economic development as well as safety around a key coastal town. This bypass was identified in the original 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide published in 2010.

The Alexandrina region is a preferred location for new residents with population growth above 1.3% as well as the Fleurieu Peninsula being the most visited day trip destination outside Adelaide. It is imperative that both residents and visitors can trust the roads that lead them to and from Alexandrina.