

## Tom Koutsantonis MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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### One overtaking lane down, one to go on Long Valley Road

Road safety improvements continue to flow on Long Valley Road in the Adelaide Hills, with a new overtaking lane to open to traffic this week and work on another commencing in coming weeks.

Main construction will be completed and open to traffic this week on a new southbound overtaking lane on Long Valley Road, from the rail crossing to south of Gemmell Road, and associated junction upgrades at Gemmell Road and Stirling Hill Road.

The new southbound overtaking lane is located directly adjacent an existing northbound overtaking lane.

Work will soon be undertaken on a second southbound overtaking lane further south on Long Valley Road. It is located about 1.5 kilometres north of Long Valley Cottage Road.

Vegetation removals will begin in coming weeks in preparation for main construction work to follow soon after.

The two new southbound overtaking lanes will improve road safety for all road users, increase and enhance freight connectivity and reduce the risk of serious and fatal injury crashes along Long Valley Road, which stretches between Wistow and Strathalbyn.

#### Quotes attributable to Tom Koutsantonis

*Long Valley Road is a key transport route connecting Strathalbyn to Mount Barker and, by extension, to the South Eastern Freeway and Adelaide. It carries more than 7000 vehicles per day and is frequented by heavy vehicles.*

*The construction of two new southbound overtaking lanes will improve road safety by encouraging safe overtaking and reducing driver frustration from not being able to overtake slower-moving vehicles.*

*I welcome the news that one of the overtaking lanes will open to traffic this week and main construction works will soon begin on a second new overtaking lane.*

*Thank you to local residents and motorists for their patience while these important upgrades are being undertaken.*