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# Joint Media Statement

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## Tenders open for APY Lands main access road upgrade

TENDERS opened today for a major upgrade of the first section of the 210 kilometre main access road between Pukatja (Ernabella) and Umuwa in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss said the works will include formation and sheeting of 43 kilometres of the road in the far north west of the state.

"The works will improve the local Anangu community's access to essential services and facilities in line with the national objective of improving the living standards of all Australians," Mr Truss said.

"Another bonus for the local community is the requirement that a minimum of 30 per cent of the total contract labour hours will be undertaken by Anangu people. These works will also provide for some minor road alignment and drainage and floodway improvements."

South Australian Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Stephen Mullighan said the project would improve access for emergency services and for APY Lands communities, including links to employment and economic opportunities.

"These access improvements and the job and training offered during the life of the project will provide a welcome boost to the Anangu community," Mr Mullighan said.

"The tender closes on December 1 and will be assessed in line with State's Industry Participation Policy.

"Works on site are expected to commence early in 2016 and be completed later that year, weather permitting."

The Australian Government will contribute \$85 million towards the total \$106.25 million cost of the five-year upgrade of the entire 210 kilometres of road, with the remaining \$21.25 million being provided by the South Australia Government.

Tender details are available on the Tenders SA website – [www.tenders.sa.gov.au](http://www.tenders.sa.gov.au)

Further information on the APY Lands Main Access Road Upgrade Project can be found at [www.dpti.sa.gov.au/apylands](http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/apylands).

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