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Rudd Government to deliver \$172 million to South Australia's local councils – Each council's share to be determined over the next month

Amanda Rishworth MP today announced that the Rudd Labor Government will deliver \$172 million to local councils in the new financial year.

“Every local council in the Kingston Electorate will receive federal funding for their local communities,” Ms Rishworth said.

“The exact amount for each council is expected to be determined by the end of July, with the first quarterly payment made to councils in August 2008.

“We know how important local councils like City of Onkaparinga and Marion are in holding our communities together.

“Every year, they fix up local roads, maintain parks and pools, run libraries, community centres, health and child care services, and provide water and sewerage services.

“That's why the Rudd Government is providing around \$172 million this year to local councils across South Australia to help them support local communities.

The \$172 million in federal funding in 2008-09 includes:

- Around \$129 million in Financial Assistance Grants, which are untied and can be spent according to local needs;
- Around \$29 million in *Roads to Recovery* funding for nominated local roads [This includes funds not spent by local councils in previous years, which the Government will make available again this year]; and
- \$14.3 million in additional local road funding for South Australia.

The Rudd Labor Government is putting local government at the heart of our nation-building agenda.

The services that councils provide help maintain healthy, sustainable communities where people want to live, work and raise families.