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RISKY ABBOTT SET TO CANCEL NOARLUNGA TO SEAFORD RAIL EXTENSION

Amanda Rishworth, Member for Kingston said that the Noarlunga to Seaford rail extension is now under threat, with the Federal Coalition admitting that if elected later this year they will have to cancel projects like this in order to fund the many road and rail promises they've made elsewhere in the country.

"This latest revelation, revealed in Parliament this week by Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese, is yet further proof Tony Abbott can't be trusted and is a big risk to the continued delivery of new local infrastructure," said Ms Rishworth.

Asked to explain how they would fund their promises – collectively worth \$10 billion – given all the money within the *Nation Building Program* is already fully committed to specific road and rail projects until 2013/14, a spokesperson for the Shadow Finance Minister Andrew Robb responded:

"You would reprioritise. We would obviously consider all the programs as a whole. Over the coming months, we will release our details."

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When asked if this "review" extended to projects due to start this year – including the Noarlunga to Seaford rail extension – the spokesperson answered: **"Yeah, of course"**.

"The Coalition should stop treating people in our community in Southern Adelaide like mugs and come clean about their Party's secret infrastructure 'hit list'," said Ms Rishworth.

"The Opposition must end the uncertainty by immediately issuing a written statement saying they will not delay or cancel the Noarlunga to Seaford rail extension, remembering that their Leader Phoney Tony has said that only such carefully prepared and scripted remarks can be taken as the 'Gospel truth'.

"In the absence of such a statement we can only conclude that this project is heading for the chop under a Coalition government.

"By contrast, a re-elected Rudd Labor Government would continue rolling out our unprecedented \$37 billion investment in the nation's road, rail and port infrastructure which includes the much needed Noarlunga to Seaford rail extension."