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SCHOOL TRADE TRAINING CENTRES UNDER THREAT

Local high schools could lose funding for their Trade Training Centres under a Coalition plan to cut \$230 million from the program, Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP said.

Ms Rishworth said “The Coalition would rip funding away from local high schools which have already been promised a Trade Training Centre.

“The Federal Parliament was told this week that the Coalition would claw-back \$230 million already committed to high schools to build Trade Training Centres over the next two years.

“That means local high schools that have already been promised access to a Trade Training Centre could miss out,” Ms Rishworth said.

Ms Rishworth said that four local high schools could be impacted by the cuts, having pooled \$5.5 million in funding to construct a joint Trade Training Centre at nearby Mount Compass Area School.

The schools that could be impacted by the cuts, having each contributed more than \$1.3 million, are:

- Hallett Cove School
- Reynella East High School
- Willunga High School
- Wirreanda High School

Ms Rishworth said “These schools could now have their Trade Training Centres taken away thanks to Tony Abbott’s extreme plan to scrap funding for trades training in local high schools.

“Worse still, because the Opposition has also axed the entire trades training program, no other local high school will ever get access to a Trade Training Centre if Tony Abbott is elected Prime Minister.

“I call on the Liberal candidates in South Australia to state on the record whether they support Tony Abbott’s plan to axe trades funding promised to our local high schools.

“They need to come clean and explain which of our local high schools will no longer have access to Trade Training Centres if Tony Abbott and the Coalition are elected.”