



## **Amanda Rishworth MP**

Member for Kingston

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **SOUTHERN ADELAIDE RESIDENTS FIRST TO BENEFIT FROM BLACKSPOT FUNDING**

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today welcomed the much anticipated commitment to prioritise Southern Adelaide as the first South Australian community to receive a state-of-the-art wireless broadband network.

"Residents of Kingston have been long disadvantaged when it comes to accessing high speed broadband and I am pleased the government has listened to the needs of our community by kicking this project off in the South," Ms Rishworth said.

Residents living in areas, including Aldinga Beach, Seaford, Christies Beach, Lonsdale and Woodcroft, are some of the first areas set to receive the wireless broadband network.

The network will address more than 350 broadband blackspots across Adelaide and is being jointly funded by the Federal and South Australian Governments along with Internet Service Provider, Adam Internet.

"This investment will deliver vastly improved broadband services to homes and businesses across Southern Adelaide, prior to the rollout of the National Broadband Network."

The new network will create 110 new jobs across South Australia, as the network is constructed and customers are connected, and 75 permanent jobs will be required for ongoing operation and maintenance.

The 15 month progressive rollout is being supported by an initial \$3 million investment from South Australia's Broadband Development Fund and ongoing contributions from the Commonwealth's Australian Broadband Guarantee.

The Australian Broadband Guarantee helps deliver fast and affordable broadband to people in blackspot areas, as well as increasing competition in the broadband market.

The Program ensures all Australian residents have access to metro-comparable broadband services, defined as a service that offers a minimum 512kbps download

and 128kbps upload data speed, 3GB per month data usage at a total cost of \$2500 GST inclusive over three years (including installation and connection fees).

Further information about the Australian Broadband Guarantee program, including application forms and program guidelines, is available at: [www.dbcde.gov.au/abg](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/abg).