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**Rudd Government Budget delivers for the South**

Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth has warmly welcomed the Rudd Labor Government's first Budget, saying "it keeps our promises and delivers the goods for working families."

Ms Rishworth said "unlike previous Governments which have used their first Budget to jettison promises, Treasurer Wayne Swan delivers on Labor's promises in full."

"The Budget provides massive tax cuts for every Australian worker," said Ms Rishworth.

"\$46.7 billion in personal income tax cuts over four years will ease the strain of every working family's hip pocket.

"The Budget addresses our major economic priority - keeping inflation low and thus putting downward pressure on interest rates.

"The Budget predicts a strong and responsible surplus, along with unprecedented investment in future needs in hospitals, education and building infrastructure.

"The Budget creates the Building Australia Fund of around \$20 billion, the Education and Investment Fund of around \$11 billion and the Health and Hospitals Fund of around \$10 billion. These Funds are funded largely from Budget surpluses in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

"The Budget clamps down on Howard Government waste, making savings of \$33 billion over the next four years.

Ms Rishworth highlighted the measures which will be of particular benefit to the Southern suburbs, including:

- Establishment of the South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance package - \$35 million over four years including intensive assistance for employees affected by Mitsubishi's closure.
- \$15 million over two years for the construction of a purpose built Children's Cancer Centre at the Adelaide Women and Children's Hospital.
- \$2 million investment in the Brighton Community Performing Arts Centre, Brighton Secondary School (over four years)
- \$2 million for the Aldinga Recreation Centre (over four years)
- \$10 million for an upgrade of the clinical teaching facilities at the Flinders Medical Centre
- Establishment of a GP Super Clinic in Onkaparinga in the next five years
- \$8.9 million for the Flinders University of South Australia
- \$3 million for a transport sustainability study for Adelaide
- \$2.8 million to Local Governments in Marion and Onkaparinga for Roads to Recovery
- \$100,000 allocation for the Onkaparinga Rugby Football Club upgrade
- An estimated \$450,000 for planning of upgrade to Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road intersection
- \$1 billion over six years for desalination, water recycling and stormwater harvesting projects in major Australian cities.