



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and
Local Government

Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Member for Kingston

MEDIA STATEMENT

ONKAPARINGA CITY COUNCIL WINS NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD

Ms Amanda Rishworth MP and the Minister for Local Government, Anthony Albanese, today congratulated Onkaparinga City Council on jointly winning the Increasing Women's Participation category award in the 2008 National Awards for Local Government.

The category award was for their project, titled, '*Women Participating: a culture not a project*', which ensures that women achieve their full potential in the workplace through training, flexible leave and job-sharing arrangements.

The other winner in this category was another South Australian council, Playford City Council.

Ms Rishworth said, "I am very proud that Onkaparinga City Council has won this prestigious Award.

"There were 114 entries from around Australia and the Onkaparinga City Council was awarded one of only 13 category awards."

"Now, the Onkaparinga City Council will be in the running for a National Award, which will be selected by an independent National Judging Panel."

Mr Albanese said, "The high-profile National Awards for Local Government have been going since 1986.

"They are only awarded to councils for projects that are independently judged to be the best or most innovative in their field.

"The National Awards also promote winning councils and projects to other councils around Australia so that local government service delivery and capacity are improved around the country."

Ms Rishworth said, "This Award acknowledges the excellent work being done by the Onkaparinga City Council for our local community and showcases its achievements to councils across Australia.

"I wish the Onkaparinga City Council all the best for the national judging," Ms Rishworth said.

The National Awards for Local Government web site is found at
<www.infrastructure.gov.au/local/awards.

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