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Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston

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\$1.5m boost to trades training for students in the South!

Students in Southern Adelaide who want to get into a trade will benefit from a \$1.5m investment by the Australian Government to build the **Christies Beach Trade Training Centre**.

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston said this funding allocation of around \$1.5m for the South is the latest instalment in the Australian Government's \$2.5 billion program to help schools build and upgrade trade training facilities, and it builds on the 5 local schools that are already benefiting from this important initiative here in the South.

Ms Rishworth said "The Australian Government is committed to ensuring every Australian student, including local students here in the South, can get the skills they need to succeed in tomorrow's workforce.

"This is fantastic news for Christies Beach High School and the Southern Vocational College as well as for local secondary students who will now have access to state-of-the-art training facilities and will be able to acquire the skills they need for a trades career."

Ms Rishworth said the Gillard Labor Government is determined to ensure our economy stays strong by investing in the skilled workforce that businesses will need to create jobs and to stay competitive into the future.

Ms Rishworth said "We know that a person leaving school before finishing Year 11 will earn around 20 per cent below average earnings. We also know that too many school leavers are falling through the cracks and are not successfully making the move to further study or work.

"We recognise the need for more Australians to have trades qualifications. Equally we recognise that while going to university may suit some students, it's not for everyone.

"This Australian Government investment is giving students here in Southern Adelaide more choice to find a career that suits them, and it will help to ensure local businesses can access a workforce with the latest skills."

Ms Rishworth said this investment in the Southern Adelaide community is part of \$1.2 billion already provided by the Australian Government for more than 370 Trade Training Centres benefitting over 1,060 secondary schools nationally.

Further information is available at www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au.