

Capital works projects brought forward as part of Holden response

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On 13 January 2014 South Australian Premier the Hon Jay Weatherill MP announced that \$34.75 million in capital works projects would be brought forward as part of the state government's response to the closure of the General Motors Holden's manufacturing operations in Australia by 2017. The South Australian Government predicts that the acceleration of these capital works projects will help maintain economic momentum in the state by generating employment and stimulating economic activity.

The South Australian Premier's media release is available [here](#).

Closure of GM Holden

On 11 December 2013 GM Holden announced that it would cease production in Australia by the end of 2017. The South Australian Government is currently coordinating a response to the Holden announcement. Premier Weatherill has appointed former Federal Industry Minister the Hon Greg Combet as South Australia's Automotive Transformation Coordinator. Mr Combet chairs the Advanced Manufacturing Taskforce which will coordinate the response. The taskforce first met on 19 December and is currently considering a range of industry, workforce and infrastructure commitments.

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The broad terms of the response for the response include: retraining and supporting workers, supporting suppliers to diversify, accelerating the move to advanced manufacturing, attracting new industries and supporting existing enterprises to grow and demanding the Federal government increase its financial commitment.

Following the closure of submissions, the state government's plan is being finalised and will be released by February 2014.

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the Federal government response to the closure of GM Holden's manufacturing operations is available [here](#).

Capital works projects

The South Australian government hopes to stimulate economic activity in the wake of GM Holden's decision through the acceleration of various capital works projects. The projects that will be brought forward are already budgeted and include \$22.30 million in SA Water projects and \$12.45 million in transport and infrastructure projects.

Other examples of projects to be accelerated provided by the state government include improvements to the intersections at Golden Grove, Grenfell, Magill and Glynburn Roads and upgrades to the Kingscote water supply.

The state government predicts accelerating these projects will bring to \$64 million the total 2013-14 Civil Works Program for South Australia's civil construction sector, in addition to works already underway.

The government has also announced that it will establish a procurement process for the accelerated works targeted towards South Australian companies.

Infrastructure and investment in South Australia

Over the past 12 months, the South Australian Government has announced a range of initiatives to promote investment and economic activity in the state including, but not limited to, the Greater Riverbank Implementation Plan, an Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan and the establishment of a South Australian Future Fund.

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the 2013-14 South Australian Major Developments Directory (MDD), which showcases 313 projects underway or planned with a total value of more than \$100 billion, is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan, which outlines potential projects and areas for investment, is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the Greater Riverbank Implementation Plan and the Royal Adelaide Hospital site redevelopment is available [here](#).