

## Minister Stephen Mullighan

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### Convention Centre steel project supporting local jobs, steel suppliers

About 3000 tonnes of steel is being fabricated in South Australia in preparation for construction of Stage Two of the Convention Centre redevelopment.

The Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said South Australian industry was playing a key role in the project with vital components being sourced and manufactured locally.

“The Riverbank site where the Adelaide Convention Centre’s Plenary Building once stood is now a blank canvas awaiting the start of Stage 2 construction of the \$397 million project,” Mr Mullighan said.

“The backbone of this iconic building will be about 3000 tonnes of structural steel which is all being fabricated at the Samaras Group’s factory in Gillman.

“This is a major infrastructure project providing a steady flow of work to a successful South Australian business, with a 150-strong workforce of qualified tradespeople.”

Mr Mullighan said at its peak, more than 400 workers both on and off-site are involved in the construction of the Convention Centre.

Samaras Head of Construction Chris Samaras said the project represented more than 100,000 man hours of work for the company Samaras Group.

“This amounts to more than 12 months of work for Samaras Group. It provides certainty for our workforce which includes project managers, boilermakers, welders and riggers,” he said.

“But it’s not only our company that benefits. We take great pride in supporting other locally owned businesses in procuring materials, access and safety equipment as well as profile cutting services.”

“For a South Australian business to be involved in the redevelopment of an iconic Riverbank infrastructure project such as the Convention Centre is a privilege.

“There is no doubt that securing this work has been crucial to our company’s future and will hold us in good stead to continue growing and competing on the national stage.”

Mr Mullighan said already more than 800 conferences, seminars and events had been booked for the redeveloped Convention Centre.

That includes 30 events that will each bring more than 1,000 delegates to Adelaide,” he said

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“Together they will bring more than 84,000 delegates to Adelaide and create in excess of 301,000 bed nights for local hotels, injecting more than \$250 million into the South Australian economy.

“Over the next 25 years, the expansion of the Convention Centre is forecast to inject almost \$2 billion into the State economy.”

The newly constructed West Building of the Convention Centre was opened in March.

Stage Two is due to be completed in the second half of 2017.