

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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Design contract awarded for APY Lands main access road upgrade

A South Australian company has been awarded a \$780,000 contract to undertake road design work as part of the Main Access Road Upgrade Project in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.

South Australian business Greenhill Australia will design nearly 150 kilometres of the main access road between Kaltjiti (Fregon) and Iwantja (Indulkana) including the Mimili Airstrip Access Road.

The contract forms part of the joint \$106.25 million joint Commonwealth and State project, to improve living standards of the local Anangu by providing better access to essential services and facilities.

It is also aimed at reducing travel times and the cost of operating a vehicle in the region.

The design work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Background

The tender was conducted in line with the State Government's Industry Participation Policy, which assists small and medium South Australian businesses to win Government contracts.

The Australian Government has committed \$85 million and the South Australian Government \$21.25 million for the five-year upgrade of about 210 kilometres of roads in the APY Lands.

The full project is expected to be completed in June 2019.

More information can be found at the [APY Lands Main Access Road Upgrade Project](#) website.

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The APY Lands Main Access Road upgrade is an important which aims to improve living standards of the local Anangu people by improving access to essential services and facilities.

It will also help to reduce travel times for people in this very remote region while also reducing the cost of operating vehicles by reducing wear and tear.

The road is unsealed and predominantly un-sheeted and as it is below the natural surface level is susceptible to flooding.

The new design will provide for a road surface, which will improve ride quality, safety and accessibility for road users.