

# News release - Stephen Mullighan

## Major city intersection to reopen tomorrow after construction blitz

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The intersection of North Terrace and King William Street is on schedule to reopen from 6am Monday morning following a two week construction blitz to install the complex tram track intersection.

The new tram intersection will be one of the most complex in Australia – it's believed there's only one other more complex tram union, situated in Melbourne.

Up to 250 workers were on-site building the intersection over each 24-hour period, with other works including track installation and major concrete pours.

Tram services between the Entertainment Centre and Victoria Square will resume on Monday 22 January, after the final stage of the Tour Down Under which requires the suspension of services for the race.

More than 40 South Australian based businesses have been involved in constructing the \$80 million tram extension, with more than 90 per cent of all labour hours being conducted by South Australians.

The reopening of the intersection will allow for the final stages of works including:

- SAPN works to modify the lids of five existing high voltage SAPN pits along North Terrace. This is progressing in four stages between Frome Street and Gawler Place.
- Installation of overhead wiring
- Installation of tram stops
- Light pole installation and traffic signal modifications
- Track installation at the intersections of Pulteney Street and North Terrace and Gawler Place and North Terrace

The final stages will require temporary lane and speed restrictions.

### Background

When the \$80 million City Tram Extension is completed, Adelaide will have a multi destination tram network again for the first time in almost 60 years.

The project marks the start of three new routes on the AdeLINK network across metropolitan Adelaide:

- The first stage of the city loop around CBD;
- The first stage of the tram to Kent Town and the eastern suburbs; and
- The first stage of the tram to North Adelaide.

The project will bring the Government's hugely popular free and frequent city tram services to the East End – and with it thousands of people – to enjoy Adelaide's premier cultural, shopping, restaurant and entertainment precinct.

It will also provide a new transport option for more than 40,000 students and staff who study or work at the University of Adelaide and UniSA's east and west campuses, as well as linking the new and old Royal Adelaide Hospital sites.

**Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan**

Digging up one of the busiest intersections in our city to construct this incredibly complex tram union was always going to be a challenge.

It was critical for these works to be completed at the quietest time of the year for the road network to reduce disruptions to traffic as much as possible and reinstate the road for the all-important final stage of the Tour Down Under.

It's a credit to everyone who has worked on this project – nearly all of them South Australians – that they have been able to build this incredibly complex intersection within this short timeframe, in spite of some challenging conditions.

The experts tell us that this tram layout will be one of the most complex in Australia, similar to a union in suburban Melbourne, and that's an indication of how challenging this project has been, and also how versatile it will be for our tram network now and in decades to come.

This project is also providing a great boost for hundreds of South Australian workers and more than 40 South Australian based companies, which show the State Government is proudly putting local jobs first as we keep building South Australia.