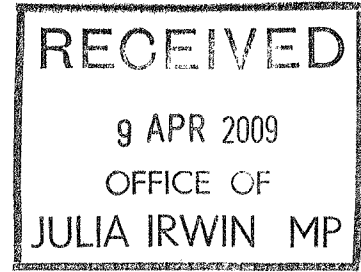




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Mrs Julia Irwin MP
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Dear Mrs Irwin

Julia

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2009 about a petition submitted for the Committee's consideration regarding an upgrade of Waterfall Gully Road in South Australia.

Waterfall Gully Road is a state arterial road and, as such, the responsibility for the development and upgrade of this road lies with the South Australian Government. I have, therefore, forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the South Australian Minister for Transport, the Hon Patrick Conlon MP for his consideration.

However, in response to the petition, I would note that the Australian Government has committed \$1.7 billion towards land transport infrastructure in South Australia under the Government's Nation Building Program (2009-10 to 2013-14). These funds will be used for substantial projects on the National Land Transport Network and for Roads to Recovery, boom gates, black spots and heavy vehicle safety and productivity projects.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY ALBANESE