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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR RAPID BAY JETTY

The new Rapid Bay Jetty is a step closer with the design and construction contract for the project awarded to a South Australian company this week.

Transport Minister Patrick Conlon said South Australian civil engineering and construction firm Bardavcol had won the contract with the final design of the Rapid Bay Jetty to be completed in the coming months.

“For a South Australian employer to win the contract has positive spin-offs for the State’s economy and local job market,” he said.

“I am extremely pleased that a South Australian company was the successful bidder in such a competitive tender process and that we have achieved another milestone in the life of this project”

The \$3.9 million jetty, which was announced in 2006, will be built adjacent to the existing jetty.

The awarding of the contract follows an extensive consultation process between the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, jetty interest groups and the local community.

“By working closely with groups including the Friends of Rapid Bay Jetty, we have designed a jetty that best serves the needs of residents and businesses whilst enhancing tourism at what is widely regarded as one of Australia’s best fishing and diving sites,” Mr Conlon said.

Glenice Galbraith, spokesperson for Friends of Rapid Bay Jetty, said that her group is very pleased with the progress of the new jetty.

“The new jetty will be of immense social and economic benefit to the Fleurieu Peninsula region and the State of South Australia,” Ms Galbraith said.

Antony King of the Scuba Divers Federation of South Australia also supported the progress made.

"The new jetty will create a unique marine environment and will add to the reputation that Rapid Bay Jetty is one of the top ten dive sites in Australia," Mr King said.

Construction of the new jetty is scheduled to begin this Spring – weather permitting.