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from the Premier

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He said the Scheme would benefit South Australia in two broad areas - by alleviating unemployment at a particularly difficult time for the average worker (the Christmas period) and by an insistence that all work carried out under the Scheme would be of maximum benefit to those living in the areas where the Scheme was operating.

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