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MY MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES, YOUR WORSHIPS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THE FORMAL OPENING OF A
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT THAT IS LITERALLY VITAL TO
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FROM THE MOMENT THAT THE FIRST SETTLERS LANDED OFF THE
BUFFALO DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN INSEPARABLE
FROM THE USE OF LIMITED WATER RESOURCES.

WATER LIMITS OUR GROWTH AND TO A VERY LARGE DEGREE DEFINES IT.
WE CAN FUTURISTICALLY LOOK TO A TIME WHEN WATER - DESALINATED
BY CHEAP SOLAR ENERGY - WILL BE AS ABUNDANT ACROSS SOUTH
AUSTRALIA AS RAIN IN MANCHESTER. BUT THAT IS A VERY LONG WAY
OFF.

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FOR THE PRESENT WE HAVE GOT TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE
RESOURCES WE HAVE TO MEET A DEMAND THAT FOR DECADES HAS
OUTSTRIPPED FORECASTS.

SO FAR AS METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE IS CONCERNED THIS MEANS HEAVY
RELIANCE ON THE MURRAY AND THE MOST CAREFULLY CONTROLLED USE
OF THIS WATER.

IT WAS THE NEED TO COPE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A RAPIDLY
GROWING CITY WHICH LED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE
SECOND PIPELINE AS FAR BACK AS 1959 AND ITS COMPLETION 14 YEARS
AND \$22 MILLION LATER.

IT IS A LOT OF MONEY BUT I THINK THAT EVERYONE HERE WILL AGREE
THAT IT IS A VERY SOUND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INVESTMENT.

THE PIPELINE MEANS THAT THE AMOUNT OF WATER AVAILABLE TO THE
METROPOLITAN AREA IS DOUBLED AND THAT THERE IS A MAJOR SUPPLY
FROM THE RIVER NOW PROVIDED TO BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF
METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE.

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THE PIPELINE'S CAPACITY OF 36 THOUSAND MILLION GALLONS A YEAR INITIALLY CAN BE BOOSTED AS DEMAND EXPANDS TO 44 THOUSAND MILLION THROUGH THE USE OF LARGER PUMPS.

BUT THE PIPELINE IS OF IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO ADELAIDE BUT TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THIS AREA.

ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR OFFTAKES OF THE LINE SUPPLIES WATER TO THE MURRAY BRIDGE RETICULATED SYSTEM.

THE OLD SUPPLY WHICH DATES BACK TO THE LAST CENTURY AND WHICH WAS BASED ON A PUMPING STATION ON THE RIVER BANK BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE RAILWAY BRIDGES IS NOW REPLACED BY THIS SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM.

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THE SECOND MAJOR OFFTAKE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL CONNECT TO THE ONKAPARINGA SYSTEM AND WILL ALSO SUPPLY THE KANMANTOO COPPER MINE.

THE MAJOR FUTURE DEMAND ON THIS PIPELINE WILL BE THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE NEW CITY OF MONARTO.

THE ENGINEERING AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY MADE PROVISION FOR THIS BOTH WITH SUPPLIES IN THE EARLY STAGES AND WITH AN EXPANDED ONE AS THE CITY DEVELOPS. AND DEVELOP IT WILL. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS MAKING MONARTO A REALITY.

THE KEY APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE MONARTO DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN. RECRUITING IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR OTHER EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS, THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE THE JOB OF OVERSEEING THE BUILDING OF THE CITY.

RECENTLY THE STEERING COMMITTEE, SET UP PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION, APPOINTED PLANNING CONSULTANTS TO DRAW UP CONCEPT, STRATEGIC AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE NEW CITY.

THE PLANNING TEAM OF BORIS KAZANSKI, THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN URBAN DESIGNER OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE, AND P.G. PAK POY AND ASSOCIATES, IS IDEALLY EQUIPPED TO SEE THAT MONARTO IS

TRULY WHAT WE HAVE PROMISED FROM THE OUTSET IT WOULD BE - A UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN CITY WHICH MAKES THE FULLEST USE OF OUR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT.

IT WILL BE UNIQUE IN ANOTHER WAY TOO.

THE EXPERT PLANNERS WILL DRAW UP THEIR CONCEPTS. BUT IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DECIDE WHETHER THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE.

WE INTEND - AND THIS IS A FIRM PLEDGE - THAT THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM DEGREE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENT ON THE PLANS. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WILL NOT MERELY BE PERMITTED OR TOLERATED IT WILL BE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED.

I MOST CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF MURRAY BRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WHO AFTER ALL WILL BE AMONG THOSE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED, WILL HAVE THEIR SAY AND PUT THEIR IDEAS FORWARD.

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THERE IS, I BELIEVE, WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION IN THE MURRAY BRIDGE AREA OF THE BENEFITS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MONARTO WILL BRING IN TRAIN TO THE AREA IN ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND IN INCREASED SOCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

BUT THERE ARE ALSO IN SOME QUARTERS A VIEW OF GROUNDLESS APPREHENSIONS AND MISAPPREHENSIONS.

MURRAY BRIDGE HAS EVERYTHING TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE FROM MONARTO.

IT WILL NOT LOSE ITS IDENTITY; IT WILL NOT BE ENVELOPED OR EENGULFED. AND IT VERY VERY EMPHATICALLY WILL NOT BE THE GHOST CITY SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO FEAR.

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MURRAY BRIDGE HAS A HISTORY THAT IS ALMOST AS LONG AS THAT OF SETTLEMENT AND ONE OF WHICH ITS CITIZENS ARE RIGHTLY PROUD.

IT HAS A FUTURE THAT IS AS LONG AS SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S.

WITH MONARTO AS ANOTHER URBAN PARTNER THE FUTURE OF THIS AREA IS BRIGHTER, MORE PROSPEROUS, MORE ASSURED.

SIR, THIS PIPELINE PROJECT HAS INVOLVED NUMEROUS PEOPLE IN SIX YEARS OF DETAILED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORK.

I WOULD LIKE TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE E. & W.S. WORKMEN WHO ARE WITHOUT DOUBT THE MOST EXPERIENCED IN AUSTRALIA IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE DIAMETER PIPELINES.

OVER THE YEARS THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONSTRUCTED MANY HUNDREDS OF MILES OF PIPELINE THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

MY THANKS ALSO GO TO THE CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WORK.

IT IS A FURTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUING PROGRAM WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT SOUTH AUSTRALIANS HAVE ADEQUATE, SAFE WATER AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE.

I NOW HAVE VERY MUCH PLEASURE IN FORMALLY OPENING THE 30 MILES OF MURRAY BRIDGE/ONKAPARINGA PIPELINE.