



# ASX and Media Release

## Port Bonython development on Infrastructure Australia's priority list

Western Plains Resources Ltd (ASX:WPG) is pleased to advise that Infrastructure Australia has placed the development of Port Bonython on its priority list in a booklet that was released last night.

Infrastructure Australia's priority list was published on the same night as the Treasurer released the Commonwealth's Budget for 2009/10. The priority list can be downloaded at

[http://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/files/National\\_Infrastructure\\_Priorities.pdf](http://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/files/National_Infrastructure_Priorities.pdf).

WPG is encouraged that concerted work from the South Australian Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure and the Spencer Gulf PortLink consortium has resulted in Port Bonython being recognised as a piece of nationally important infrastructure.

Port Bonython is expected to be developed as a 20 million tonne per annum port for dry bulk commodity exports that will be capable of handling Capesize ships, and which will be linked to the standard gauge rail network. WPG looks forward to working with the government and the consortium to ensure that this vital piece of infrastructure is developed quickly so that the government's strategy of transforming the South Australian economy from a manufacturing base into one more reliant on mineral exports can become a reality.

WPG's iron ore projects can make a very significant impact on the South Australian Gross State Product and other related metrics – employment and contracting opportunities, particularly in regional and remote communities like Whyalla and Coober Pedy, royalty and tax income for the State and Commonwealth, and accordingly can improve the wellbeing of all South Australians.

### **Further Information**

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