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Minister welcomes funding for Thevenard marine offloading facility

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock has welcomed confirmation of a Federal Government National Stronger Regions Fund grant of \$4.8 million towards construction of a new marine offloading facility at Thevenard.

Mr Brock said the State Government committed \$1.5 million in funding last year towards the project pending the outcome of the District Council of Ceduna's federal funding grant application.

"It's pleasing to see the Federal Government come on board to support this important regional project which will mean improved berth access and offloading efficiencies for non-bulk carrier vessels," Mr Brock said.

"I inspected the Thevenard site and was briefed on the project during Country Cabinet on the West Coast in November last year.

"Since that meeting, the State Government committed \$1.5 million in funding to the development.

"This project is a great example of the three tiers of government coming together with the private sector to develop a new and much needed multi-purpose berthing and mooring offloading facility for the Eyre Peninsula," Mr Brock said.

"The project will alleviate the need for non-bulk carrier vessels to use the Port Thevenard facilities, instead using the new development to ensure safer manual handling and more efficient uploading and loading.

"Importantly, it will support the viability of the fishing industry in the region meaning jobs will remain in Ceduna and Thevenard.

"This will have flow-on economic and social benefits throughout the community and across other industries, such as tourism.

"This project strongly aligns with the State Government's Economic Plan and the 10 strategic priorities," Mr Brock said.