

# News releases - Geoff Brock

## Integrated road and rail service to set up at Leigh Creek

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An inland regional port at Leigh Creek will provide an integrated road and rail service from Adelaide to the Cooper Basin reducing inbound freight costs and creating transport efficiencies.

Bowmans Rail has been awarded a \$200,000 Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program grant to establish the intermodal container terminal, just outside of the Leigh Creek township.

The facility will use the existing rail infrastructure between Port Augusta and Leigh Creek to transfer imported and domestic freight from Adelaide to Leigh Creek. It will then transfer the inbound freight by road to the Cooper Basin.

The intermodal will also provide an option for back-loading minerals for the emerging mining industry in Leigh Creek.

### Background

Bowmans Rail is a South Australian intermodal rail and container terminal operations company servicing the resource and agricultural sectors in South Australia.

The \$2 million Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program is a once-off grants program, which opened in November last year in recognition of the challenges brought about by the downturn of the resources sector and the closure of the Port Augusta power station and Leigh Creek coal mine.

The program supports the delivery of small projects contributing to the economic diversification, resilience and capacity building of Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback communities creating sustainable economic benefits to the region and the State.

This project supports the State Government's economic priority of 'Unlocking the full potential of South Australia's resources, energy and renewable assets'.

### Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Bowmans Rail, through the Leigh Creek Intermodal, will provide an alternative transport method to cater for the oil and gas industry in the Far North, broadening the competitiveness of the region and improving its economic prosperity.

This project, with the support of the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program, will stimulate new business activity, support community sustainability and create job opportunities for the region.

Establishing the Leigh Creek intermodal will invest a project total of \$800,000 into the local economy and create five new ongoing positions.

**Quotes attributable to Bowmans Rail Chief Executive Officer Scott McKay**

We are grateful to the State Government for this \$200,000 grant, which will greatly assist in the construction of the Leigh Creek intermodal facility.

With this project we aim to service the oil and gas industry in the Cooper Basin and make future exploration more attractive by reducing supply costs and an opportunity to transfer minerals from this emerging region to export market.

Bowmans Rail provides an integrated, high-value service to its customers and we look forward to offering additional value-add opportunities for South Australia's resource sector with this new intermodal container terminal.