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ADELAIDE 30-YEAR PLAN

BOOSTING BUSINESS

The State Government's 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide released in February this year is already providing positive spin-offs for Adelaide businesses.

For planning, engineering and surveying firm Fyfe, the plan has created work from north of Gawler to the Onkaparinga Council area in the south and into Murray Bridge and Mount Barker.

Regional projects at Williamstown in the Barossa Valley, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor in the south are also expected to benefit as a result of increased Federal Government focus, including work on the proposed NBN.

Fyfe's Managing Director, Mr Mark Dayman, said work ranged from the planning of initial concepts through to surveying potential new housing estates, commercial and employment precincts.

"The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide is predicated on steady population growth of 560,000 people and construction of an additional 258,000 homes," he said.

"Plans for some potential developments, such as those at Murray Bridge, Mount Barker and at Playford Alive, north of Adelaide, are already fairly advanced, but there are a number of companies and developers looking further afield.

"These developments will range from new housing and commercial precincts through to aged care, sporting facilities and transport hubs.

"A lot of this work is still at concept stage, but there are certainly some exciting plans being considered."

Mr Dayman said Fyfe had taken on a number of new surveyors and engineers to help meet the busier workload and had restructured some of its internal operations to reflect the changing workloads.

"At the moment, we probably have 15 to 20 surveyors, engineers and planners working on projects related to the 30 year plan," he said.

"We anticipate this number will increase further as some of the plans become more advanced.

"While the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide is mostly about preparing Adelaide for the future, it has also given us a focus for restructuring our business to meet future requirements."

Fyfe's head office is in Adelaide but it has offices in Brisbane, Darwin, and Alice Springs as well as regional offices in, Roma, Coolum, Dalby, Moomba and Tennant Creek.

It has around 250 employees nationally.

Fyfe commenced as a surveying company in Adelaide in 1982, establishing engineering services for the oil and gas industry in 1997. In 2001, it purchased Adelaide civil engineering firm Gilbert & Associates.

In 2002 Fyfe opened an office in Queensland and the following year purchased Brisbane-based MJ Hedges Geomeasure.

In 2008, it formed Fyfe JMA in Darwin.

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