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WORK BEGINS ON NEW PARADISE FIRE STATION

Work has begun on the new **\$3.95 million** Paradise Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Station

Emergency Services Minister Carmel Zollo this morning turned the first sod at the Darley Road site.

When the project is complete in the first quarter of 2009, the eastern suburbs will have two new MFS stations.

Last month, the new **\$3.9 million** Beulah Park Station on The Parade was officially opened by the Minister.

“The Paradise station and the new Beulah Park facility are replacing the ageing Glynde fire station,” Mrs Zollo says.

“By having an extra station, the ability of South Australia’s Metropolitan Fire Service to respond to emergencies in Adelaide’s eastern suburbs will be significantly improved.

“The Government is committed to ensuring our emergency services are properly resourced so they can continue to play their vital safety and support role in our communities.

“With Beulah Park, Paradise and the new MFS station at Golden Grove, Adelaide’s eastern and north eastern communities will have their highest ever level of MFS support and response.

“Our new stations are also environmentally friendly.”

Mrs Zollo says environmentally sustainable design features in the Paradise station will include:

- Photovoltaic solar panels producing up to 12 kilowatts of power (grid-connected, so that surplus power can be returned to the electricity network);
- A solar hot water system;
- Water recycling initiatives including the use of rainwater for both garden irrigation and in toilets;
- A high thermal energy rating, reducing the requirement on heating and cooling devices;
- Maximum use of natural light and ventilation;

The new stations are part of the Fire Service’s reconfiguration of station locations in Adelaide’s north, northeast and east, including the relocation of the former Ridgehaven station to Golden Grove.