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Port work becomes a priority

THE risk of Adelaide losing container ship services would increase if a proposal to deepen Outer Harbor was delayed or axed, the port operator said yesterday.

Flinders Ports is pressing for work to begin on dredging Outer Harbor, to allow for the use of the new generation of super-carriers.

``The urgency now is that Melbourne is moving ahead (to dredge the Port of Melbourne) and that could mean shipping services will shift from Adelaide across to Melbourne," **Flinders Ports** chief executive Vincent Tremaine said.

Business SA chief executive Peter Vaughan yesterday encouraged the State Government to upgrade Outer Harbor so economic benefits could flow.

``SA can't afford to lose another race to Victoria," he said.