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Port in \$50m upgrade

THE first phase of a \$50 million upgrade of the inner harbour at Port Adelaide was opened yesterday.

A \$6 million, 2500 sq/m enclosed storage facility, which will be used to store bulk commodities, was opened by Infrastructure Minister Patrick Conlon.

It is the first stage in Flinders Ports' redevelopment of the area which includes:

- A \$5 million private rail link and interface with the national rail network.
- PURPOSE-built, fully enclosed storage facilities.
- UPGRADED ancillary facilities including new roads and environmental systems.

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The storage facility opened yesterday will be used by Adelaide zinc and lead miner Terramin Australia, to store zinc concentrates from its mine at Strathalbyn before they are exported.

Flinders Ports chief executive Vincent Tremaine said the site comprised about 160,000 sq/m of vacant land, which would be developed over the next few years.

``There's a loader there at the moment that's loading mineral sands and has been for a few months," Mr Tremaine said.

``This shed is the next stage. The stages beyond that include additional sheds for other customers, then we're going to allow for rail into the area as well and we've gone through the process of getting land set aside for that so we have proper access."

He said the development was about providing critical export/import infrastructure needs, primarily for the resources sector.

``We are extremely optimistic about the future of this sector in South Australia, as there are a number of projects that are well advanced throughout the state. As a result, Flinders Ports has planned, and is beginning to construct, the facilities we believe will be required in the future to competitively export the state's bulk commodities to customers around the globe."

Mr Tremaine said the rail stage was probably 12-18 months away while the development of other parts of the project would depend on demand.

