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Fishing possession limits increased as Labor bows to pressure from State Liberals

The State Liberals have had a win for all recreational fishers against an over-regulating and restrictive Labor Government, according to Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

Mr Pederick introduced a motion in Parliament to disallow the recreational fishing possession limits for King George Whiting in November 2012, on the basis the restrictive limits would have negative flow-on effects for small businesses, tourism and the regions.

Now the Weatherill Labor Government has backflipped and increased the limits to give fishers more freedom.

“The Labor Government’s recreational fishing possession limits had caused a lot of angst amongst the community and were simply too low and too restrictive,” said Mr Pederick.

“Whilst the State Liberals recognise recreational fishing possession limits are necessary to continue to manage South Australia’s King George Whiting fish stocks, the regulations were too strict.”

The possession limits have been increased from 7kg to 10kg per fisher.

“The increase will provide a little more freedom for fishers who travel long distances on their annual fishing trip,” said Mr Pederick.

“This is a great result for all recreational fishers and for coastal towns, such as Goolwa in the Hammond electorate,” Mr Pederick said.