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### Hindmarsh Island power blackouts

Recent power failures and unplanned interruptions in Hindmarsh Island have heightened concerns as residents remember the lengthy power blackouts in Goolwa and surrounding areas in January 2012.

However locals must be reassured SA Power Networks have confirmed commitments of pre-notifications and routine infrastructure upgrades and maintenance to minimise the chance that these events will be repeated, according to Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

“As heatwaves continue to sweep across the state and the rest of Australia, residents of Hindmarsh Island and Goolwa need only to look back at 2012 to realise the anxiety caused by power outages,” Mr Pederick said.

“In a letter responding to requests for updates on planned maintenance schedules on Hindmarsh Island and other areas in the Hammond electorate, SA Power Networks assured me that pre-notification of planned interruptions will be provided to affected customers at least four business days prior to commencing work.

“I was also advised by SA Power Networks that routine infrastructure upgrades will be ongoing in 2013, in addition to replacement of corrosion affected equipment.”

However, whilst temperatures stay consistently above 30 degrees for several days’ straight, residents must realise any heatwave has the potential to cause rolling blackouts as transformers fail under high demand and extreme heat.

“SA Power Networks have been extremely vocal in acknowledging downfalls in the past and have pledged to continue to proactively provide information and hold open communication lines with anyone concerned,” Mr Pederick said.

“If any Hammond constituent has concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Hammond electorate office on (08) 8531 1676.”

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