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Mypolonga to remain Fruit Fly Free

Mypolonga growers are set to receive \$5,500 worth of State Government funding to continue fruit fly protection measures, thanks to pressure from Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, and the Lower Murray Horticulture Action Committee.

A meeting with local growers, PIRSA and Minister Gago arranged by Mr Pederick to discuss the cessation of funding for the Mypolonga fruit fly trapping grid saw a positive outcome achieved and fruit fly prevention initiatives continue.

Without the continued efforts in providing fruit fly prevention initiatives in Mypolonga, the State was at risk in compromising its fruit fly free status and confidence in the local growers would also be lost, according to Mr Pederick.

“Mypolonga is extremely important to the State’s fruit fly free status and this agreement will alleviate concerns of local growers and processors in the Riverland,” Mr Pederick said.

“Fruit fly protection in the Mypolonga horticulture region is absolutely necessary for marketing reasons and export opportunities.”

Mr Pederick, who had questions asked of Ms Gago in the Legislative Council and attended local meetings, believes the partnership between local growers and State Government is important and is pleased an agreement has been reached.

“The local growers have agreed on a voluntary levy to assist in maintaining support and have been rewarded for their proactive approach,” Mr Pederick said.

“This outcome ensures local growers and the region remains fruit fly free.”