

## Adrian Pederick MP

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### **Outcome needed for Goolwa medical providers fast**

Premier Weatherill and Health Minister Jack Snelling must work fast to resolve the escalating health crisis at the Goolwa Medical Centre and South Coast District Hospital, according to Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

Reports that 30 doctors who provide medical services on the Fleurieu Peninsula have tendered their resignations following a standoff with the SA Health Department over unacceptable workloads and inadequate subsidies to treat patients requiring emergency attention admitted by ambulance, is inexcusable.

“Minister Snelling and the Weatherill Labor Government have failed to realise the implications caused as a result of the break down in negotiations,” said Mr Pederick.

“The Fleurieu Peninsula now faces a serious health crisis and patients will lose out.

“The Minister has failed to support regional communities all along the Fleurieu Peninsula.

“Doctors at the Goolwa Medical Centre provide a fantastic service, often going over and beyond their call of duty to assist the ageing and growing population in Goolwa.

“However it is clear the Weatherill Labor Government has again ignored calls from regional doctors and willingly allowed this matter to escalate.

“It is a shame the Weatherill Labor Government has allowed negotiations to get to this point and I urge the Health Minister to find a solution in a timely fashion.”