

## Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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### Road safety is a priority

Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick has urged all South Australian road users to drive carefully and without any distractions.

An awareness campaign by the Fleurieu Road Safety Group aims to highlight the deaths and injuries caused when texting or making mobile phone calls whilst driving.

“The use of mobile phones whilst driving is dangerous and can have deadly results,” Mr Pederick said.

“Accidents on our roads can have a long lasting affect – not only for the person driving, but also for others in the vehicle and on families and friends.

“The Fleurieu Road Safety Group’s Awareness Campaign is a great initiative.”

The use of mobile phones while driving contributes to an increasing number of fatalities on South Australian roads yearly.

“Rural roads have claimed 336 lives since 2008 according to SAPOL,” Mr Pederick said.

“People who decide to use a mobile phone whilst driving must consider the important message – *‘Mate – it can wait.’*”

“Only with community understanding and support for road safety measures can we hope to make a real impact on road safety in South Australia.

“I call on the Government to work with the community and groups like the Fleurieu Road Safety Group to tackle road safety and to reduce the number of road fatalities and serious injuries on rural and metropolitan roads.”

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