

## **Adrian Pederick MP**

Member for Hammond

Monday, 25 February 2013

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### **Sustainable Farming Practices Select Committee visits Hammond electorate**

The Select Committee on Sustainable Farming Practices is holding a public meeting in the Hammond electorate on Wednesday, 27 February at the Murray Bridge Council Chambers.

The Committee, which is visiting Renmark, Lameroo and Murray Bridge, was established in March 2012 to investigate and report upon factors that impact upon a farmer's 'right to farm'.

“Right to farm is fundamentally about a farmer's right to carry out the normal practices and procedures of farming activities that he or she has previously pursued,” said Liberal Member for Hammond and Committee Member Adrian Pederick.

“In recent times, we have seen poor planning, knowledge and a lack of understanding lead to farmers’ rights gradually disappearing and in some cases we have seen farmers’ profitability and sustainability reduced to the point of almost being unviable.

“In addition to this farming is being challenged more and more as to where it can operate and how it operates and this Committee was established to recognise and appreciate the true contribution primary producers make to South Australia.”

During the public meeting, formal presentations will be heard by the Committee. The Committee hopes to hear of innovative and positive ideas and development in the industry.

“I welcome the Committee to the Hammond electorate to discuss all things farming and look forward to being a part of the public hearing process,” said Mr Pederick.



# **SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Renmark Paringa Council Chambers, 61, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Renmark**  
**Tuesday 26 February, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

**Lameroo Memorial Hall, 63 Railway Tce South, Lameroo**  
**Wednesday 27 February, 9.30 am – 11.30 am**

**Murray Bridge Council, 2 Seventh St, Murray Bridge**  
**Wednesday 27 February, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

You are invited to attend a public hearing of the Select Committee on Sustainable Farming Practices. The Committee will be visiting Renmark, Lameroo and Murray Bridge to hear from interested people and organisations that wish to address the Committee on issues pertinent to its Terms of Reference and Issues Paper (see below).

Formal presentations will be heard by the Committee. If time permits the Committee will call for statements of opinion and views from the public gallery.

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Issues Paper available on the Parliamentary website under 'Committees' – 'Select Committees' at [www.parliament.sa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au)

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That this House establish a Select Committee to investigate and report upon land arrangements for primary production (agriculture, viticulture and horticulture), mineral resources and regional development focussing on planning for farming sustainability and improving farming practices that promote the sustainable use of our State's natural resources, a clean, green food supply for South Australia and report on advantages that this promotion may bring to the South Australian economy.