

## Adrian Pederick MP

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### Marshall commits to supporting SA's regions

State Liberal Leader Steven Marshall has today released a \$9.5 million commitment to regional South Australia.

If elected, a Marshall Liberal Government will increase funding to Regional Development Australia (RDA) entities to \$3 million per year.

Following substantial cuts from the Weatherill Labor Government, RDAs only receive \$1.4 million in annual funding.

A Marshall Liberal Government will also commit \$500,000 to establish a dedicated wine trail from McLaren Vale to the Clare Valley to capitalise on the enormous appeal both those regions, the Barossa Valley and the Adelaide Hills have to wine lovers.

New roadside signage and a free smartphone app would be developed to help wine loving tourists find the hundreds of cellar doors nestled in the Great Australian Food and Wine Trail.

"The State Liberals are committed to supporting South Australia's regions," said State Liberal Leader Steven Marshall.

"Sadly, after 12 years of the Weatherill Labor Government, our State's regions have been neglected.

"Regional businesses and tourism play a vital role in South Australia's economy and the State Liberals want to see these sectors grow and prosper.

"RDAs play a significant role in identifying and enhancing economic and social opportunities in our regions, driving and supporting economic growth and encouraging investment.

"A robust RDA network is a key factor in coordinating and driving local regional initiatives and will serve as the framework for regional policies.

"Our regions are second to none. We want to support our regions to grow and attract more visitors, so that everyone can enjoy what's on offer in our great State.

"The State Liberals plan to establish the Great Australian Food and Wine Trail will help identify and promote SA's food and wine treasures to interstate and overseas tourists.

"Only a Marshall Liberal Government will have better priorities to put our State back on track."

Adrian Pederick, Liberal Member for Hammond welcomed the announcement.

"The Hammond electorate will benefit greatly from the increase in funding to Regional Development Australia," said Mr Pederick.

"The local RDA Murraylands and Riverland, which have an office in Murray Bridge, provides a great service to our region, providing advice to local business, interested investors and primary producers, to name a few.

"I am extremely pleased to be part of a team that recognises the importance of regional South Australia.

"Under 12 years of Labor rule, the regions have been neglected."