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State Liberals call on Weatherill Labor Government to increase funding to RDAs

State Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick has called on the Weatherill Labor Government to increase funding to seven South Australian Regional Development Australia (RDA) offices.

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

At the recent state election, the State Liberals committed to increasing funding to Regional RDA offices to \$3 million per year.

However, Labor has not committed to reinstating funding as part of its minority government agreement with Independent Member for Frome, Geoff Brock.

“RDAs play a significant role in identifying and enhancing economic and social opportunities in our regions, driving and supporting economic growth and encouraging investment,” said Mr Pederick.

“RDA Murraylands and Riverland has played an important role helping businesses in Hammond, by coordinating and driving local regional initiatives and serving as a framework for regional policies.

“Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock must also explain whether or not he supports increased funding to RDA offices.

“The Labor Government has neglected regional South Australia for 12 years.

“On the other hand, the State Liberals understand the importance of supporting our regions to grow our State’s economy.”

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