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Natural Resource's Management Levy (NRM) Levies set to increase

Adrian Pederick, Member for Hammond is very disappointed to see the NRM Levy increasing with the Natural Resources Committee agreeing on a \$6.8 million increase for land and irrigation water charges. This increase is scheduled to come into effect as of July 01st.

"I presented to the State Parliament, Natural Resources Committee in February this year, opposing any substantial increases and it is truly disappointing to see this increase being accepted," said Mr Pederick.

"I fear of the effects which such a substantial increase could have on not only those I represent in the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin but for all in regional South Australia.

"This increase comes at a time when agriculture is one of the last shining lights in the State as we see mining, manufacturing and steel industries in decline.

"Yet, we have the State Labor Government still wanting to impose this massive increase on our vital primary producers.

"We need to ensure our primary industries prosper into the future, especially in light of the fact that the agribusiness sector produced an estimated \$21 billion in revenue in 2014/15.

"Regional South Australia is of great importance to the prosperity of the State. Those living in the regions need to be considered and acknowledged for their contribution and this increase doesn't do either.

"Residents of South Australia do not deserve another increase being implemented because of the Weatherill Labor Government's financial mismanagement," said Mr Pederick.

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