



The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) is an aspiring regional centre with significant economic opportunities.

As the Member for Hammond, I encourage development which will provide positive economic return's to the regional centre and its surrounds. Given information I have been provided relevant to the proposal to redevelop the Bridgeport Hotel, I am of the belief it will provide great opportunities and benefits to Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge is generating exposure as a tourist destination through its locality on the Murray River, which attracts enormous amounts of recreational boating and swimming activity yearly.

The Rural City is also the host of a number of major events such as; the Australian International 24hour Pedal Prix race, 2016 and 2018 Masters Games, SA Ski Racing State Titles, major rowing regattas and speedway events, just to name a few.

Murray Bridge will also attract other major events and tourism opportunities upon the completion of the Murray Bridge Racecourse and Taillem Bend Motorsport Park developments.

As you would understand, such events are associated with significant numbers of visitors, who often require accommodation and food. A development of this kind would provide high standard accommodation, quality food facilities and function rooms, catering for such a high demand during these peak periods.

Along with the positive economic return on the basis of tourism, the Hotel's development will also provide jobs growth. In a state with the highest unemployment rate in the nation, it is important we embrace employment opportunities.

In conclusion, as the Local Member of State Parliament, I wish to express my support for the redevelopment of the Bridgeport Hotel and I urge the Rural City of Murray Bridge and Development Assessment Commission to work collaboratively to ensure this development's completion.

Yours sincerely,

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