

## Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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### Liberal Energy Solution to benefit the regions

Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, has said that households and businesses in the Hammond electorate are set to benefit from the Liberal Energy Solution released last week.

The Liberal Energy Solution will see the average household bill fall by \$302 per year once fully implemented and provide a secure electricity network for Hammond residents.

Key components of the Liberal Energy Solution include a \$200 million interconnection fund to improve connectivity with the National Energy Market (NEM), a \$100 million household battery program and a \$50 million grid scale storage fund.

The Liberal Energy Solution focuses on:

- More affordable electricity
- More reliable renewable energy, empowering consumers
- Much better value for taxpayers
- Developing stronger connections between South Australia and the National Electricity Market (NEM)

“The high cost of electricity and threat of blackouts are hurting thousands of households and businesses in the electorate of Hammond,” said Adrian Pederick.

“The State-wide blackout last year came at a cost of \$450 million to South Australia’s economy and regional households and businesses were some of the hardest hit.

“Households and businesses in Hammond need affordable, reliable and secure electricity.

“Many businesses based in the regions are some of the biggest consumers of electricity and stand to benefit the most.

“Independent expert advice has shown the Liberal Energy Solution will decrease electricity prices and improve energy security in our region.

“This will decrease the cost of living for households and decrease the cost of doing business which will help grow our regional economy and create much needed regional jobs.

“The Weatherill Labor Government has failed the Hammond electorate by delivering the highest priced and least reliable electricity in the country.

“By contrast, a Marshall Liberal Government has a solution to cut prices and increase energy security in the Hammond electorate and greater South Australia,” said Adrian Pederick.