

## Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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### Going grassroots: a conversation about NRM

Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick is encouraging people in Hammond to get behind the Liberal Party's statewide consultation on the future of natural resource management in South Australia.

"Our online survey, launched today, aims to gauge community satisfaction with the state's eight Natural Resource Management Boards with topics including regional boundaries, board membership and the methods used to raise levies being consulted on.

"This consultation is a key step towards developing the Liberal Party's approach to this important policy area in the lead up to the 2018 election and I encourage people to let us know what they think our reform priorities should be," said Mr Pederick.

Shadow Minister for Environment David Speirs said natural resource management is an important issue in South Australia.

"The feedback I am receiving is that people are dissatisfied with the State Labor Government's approach to managing our unique environment," Mr Speirs said.

"While the reforms introduced in 2004 may have started with the best of intentions, it seems that all too often bureaucracy has overrun the system, distancing Natural Resource Management from the environments it aims to nurture and preserve.

"If elected to government in 2018, I am committed to ensuring reform in the area of natural resource management is a priority," said Mr Speirs.

As well as an online survey, Natural Resource Management will also become a key discussion point on visits to regional and rural South Australia, with Liberal Leader Steven Marshall and Shadow Environment Minister David Speirs committed to a program of visits to country South Australia as part of the Liberal Party's 'Regions Matter' tour.

The survey can be completed online by visiting: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nrmsurvey>