



Adrian's support

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Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, remains hopeful of regaining a front bench position with the SA Liberals.

That is despite losing the portfolios of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Forestry in last Friday's shake-up of the party.

He said if it was up to him he would still have the portfolios but the Liberal Party was "bigger than the individual and sometimes these things happen".

"I've enjoyed the role and maybe down the track I will get a front bench position again," Mr Pederick said.

"My personal disappointment is minute in comparison to the job that we need to do to get the party into government. "It is the state with the highest taxes, we have a massive debt and the people of SA are looking for us to take government, and I will be working with the rest of the team to make sure we get there in March 2014."

Mr Pederick has held the Agriculture shadow portfolio since 2008 and will continue that focus in his electorate.

"I still have a heavy focus on agriculture and the River Murray," Mr Pederick said.

"I will certainly just keep bringing those local issues up in the party room and make sure agriculture in the local regions is heard through David Ridgway."

He said he expected Mr Ridgway to do a "great job" as the shadow minister for Agriculture, Primary Industries and Environment.

"I think he will do well with it and as leader in the Upper House he will be able to use that to help with all his portfolios, including Agriculture," Mr Pederick added.