



# Keen to keep Ag role

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Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick says he hopes he has done enough hard work to retain his portfolios of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Forestry under a Steven Marshall-led SA Liberal Party.

Mr Pederick was speaking after the Liberal Party ballot to elect a new leader and deputy leader on Monday.

Mr Marshall was elected unopposed and Vickie Chapman edged out Iain Evans 10

votes to eight to take the vacant deputy position.

Mr Pederick said he expects the next shadow cabinet to be decided on "in the next week or so".

"I'm keen to keep (the portfolios) but at the end of the

day will respect any decision made," he said.

Mr Pederick, who is known as a staunch supporter of former leader Isobel Redmond, said he expects it to be "easy" to work with a new team.

"I have been an Isobel Redmond fan... I think she has done great work for this party as leader in the last three and a half years," he said.

"In saying that we have voted in a new leadership team and all the party is focused on backing that leadership team to March 2014 when the election is."

Mr Pederick said the backgrounds of both Marshall and Chapman would be a "bonus" for the electorate of Hammond – Marshall with his small business background and Chapman with her farming ties on

Kangaroo Island.

"I'm more than happy with the result and the party is moving on and getting on with the job," he said.

"I would like to say that we are committed to winning government in March 2014.

"People have been crying out for better financial governance.

"We need to keep rolling out our policies and show the people of South Australia that we are worthy of governing from March 2014."