

Labor's speed limit changes don't stack up

The State Liberals have received submissions from residents and local councils across South Australia who are opposed to the Weatherill Labor Government's plans to reduce speed limits on country roads from 110kmph to 100kmph.

As a result Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Vickie Chapman, the Member for Bragg, said the State Liberals would not be supporting the proposed speed limit reductions.

"Local residents do not want the speed limit

changes and councils have put forward information that suggests many of these roads are not even the ones where casualty and fatality crashes are occurring," Ms Chapman said. "It does not appear that the Weatherill Government's proposed speed limit reduction will have a demonstrable road safety benefit, and therefore the State Liberals will not be supporting the move.

"More work needs to be done to better assess

roads that should have the speed limit reduced rather than applying a blanket approach.

"Every casualty on our roads is a tragedy and we need to look beyond speed limits to reduce the road toll. "The poor state of many country roads

has been identified as a problem by people across South Australia and that is where I will be focusing my attention if a Marshall Liberal Government is elected in March.

"Under Weatherill Labor the road maintenance backlog has blown out to an estimated \$400 million." The member for Hammond Adrian Pederick also spoke

strongly against the proposed speed limit reductions in the party room and adds the following comments.

"The Weatherill Labor Government's proposal would ultimately impact those living in the regions," Mr Pederick said. "I recently wrote to all Council's in the Hammond Electorate and all responded in opposition to the speed limit reductions and provided reasoning supporting this position.

"However, I am fearful the Weatherill Labor Government will not take the local Council's position into consideration and will implement speed restrictions on country roads, which the majority of regional South Australia is opposed to."