



Pederick, Liberals woo farmers

By **Jo Fosdike**

THE Agriculture Bureau of South Australia will reap a win with the reinstatement of \$100,000 a year in funding if the Liberal

Party comes to power in next year's State election.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick said he had worked hard to get the pledge from his party.

"Following the Weatherill Labor Government's decision to cut funding to the ABA, I pushed hard for the funding reinstatement and I am extremely pleased this will be a State Liberal election commitment," he said.

"I am proud to be a part of a team that recognises the importance of our State's pri-

mary producers."

The State Labor Government ceased funding to the ABA from July this year.

South Australian Opposition Leader Steven Marshall said

the ABA had been dedicated to excellence in agriculture and the promotion of primary production for the past 125 years.

He said the continuing withdrawal of funding for primary production support and representation, combined with a genuine lack of government support was a challenge for South Australian primary producers.

"The State Liberals recognise the importance of an organisation run by farmers for farmers," he said.

"The agriculture sec-

tor is a significant contributor to the State's economy, providing over \$5 billion in State revenue annually and 32,000 direct jobs.

"We understand the importance of our regions, including our primary producers, and the importance of providing them with the support they need.

"South Australia needs a strong and positive primary production sector with a direct link between the minister, the department and the primary producers, which is the purpose of the ABA."