



100km speed limits – *No Way!*

Liberal Member for Hammond and Chair of the State Liberals' Regional Affairs Committee, Adrian Pederick, has again raised concerns in Parliament with the Weatherill Labor Government's plans to reduce speed limits on regional roads from 110 km/ph to 100 km/ph without consultation.

In his Supply Bill response speech, Mr Pederick welcomed the Federal Government's commitment to increase funding for the Black Spot and Roads to Recovery programs and called on the Weatherill Labor Government to confirm its plans to tackle regional road safety.

"The Black Spot and Roads to Recovery programs are far better solutions to road safety than just reducing speed limits in regional areas," said Mr Pederick.

"Many South Australian regional roads require immediate attention and upgrades – but thanks to the Weatherill Labor Government's \$400 million backlog of road maintenance, regional communities will continue to be neglected.

"Further speed reductions will lead to more people on regional roads for longer periods of time which creates inattention and dangerous situations.

"Opposition to the Weatherill Labor Government's proposal has come from across South Australia and regional communities remain uncertain about what the Government will do.

"Regional communities

are fearful of reduced speed limits and regional councils have spoken out against such changes.

"Regional MPs and the State Liberals have taken a strong stance against reduced speed limits.

"The Weatherill Labor Government must invest in regional roads – not take the easy option.

"Will Premier Weatherill listen?

"What is Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock's opinion on this issue?

"Will he take the views of regional communities to Cabinet?

"I do not want to see a blanket approach and call on the Weatherill Labor Government to come clean on its plan to reduce speed limits on regional roads."