



Call for proof State's country road speed restrictions are working

THE South Australian Liberal Party has taken a strong stance against reducing regional road speed limits from 110 km/h to 100 km/h.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick has again raised the issue in Parliament after hear-

ing the State Government's plans to reduce more speed limits without consultation.

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

"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."

In Mr Pederick's Supply Bill response, he did welcome the Federal Government's commitment to increasing funding for the Black Spot and Roads to Recovery programs.

"The Black Spot and Roads to Recovery programs are far better solutions to road safety than just reducing speed

limits in regional areas," Mr Pederick said.

"Many South Australian regional roads require immediate attention and upgrades."

Opposition Road Safety Spokesman Dan van Holst Pellekaan has backed-up Mr Pederick, calling for a comprehensive safety audit of coun-

try roads where the speed limits have been reduced.

"The Weatherill Labor Government has argued that the reduction is speed limits would result in a reduction in casualties and improved

road safety outcome," he said.

"Sufficient time has passed ... to determine which roads have seen improved road safety outcomes as a result of the reduction in the speed limit."