



## YOUR LETTERS

### Not so lucky

Like millions of concerned Australians, we are appalled at the re-emergence of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) of the 19902, in the form of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

Our current Federal Government appears to have completely lost sight of the fact that they represent the people and not multinational corporations, and in the 1990s, the MAI was roundly rejected by the people.

Why is this issue back?

Why all the secrecy?

The TPPA is heinous, with the potential to sell out our future sovereignty and the future ability of Australians to determine their own destiny.

Don't these politicians care about the sort of country their own children and grandchildren will end up living in?

People do not understand how a government can behave like this.

In my opinion Mr Robb and team are not up to the job of negotiating such a potentially blatant attack on our ability to make and uphold laws which I consider to be in our national interest.

Our compassion and humanity are being traded away in this "agreement".

How dare any government put us in a position where our standard of living, environmental or animal welfare laws could be overturned to satisfy the greed of some company which has no loyalty to this country, but just sees Australia as a place to be plundered for profit.

How can these elected representatives sleep at night?

Globalisation is destroying Australia and dragging us down to Third World levels and a future of overcrowding, unemployment, slave labour wages and degraded environment.

Goodbye "lucky country".

Alex Hodges  
Birdwood.

### River always a priority

I was interested to read comments made in The Murray Valley Standard article 'Safe seat blues' on Tuesday, February 18.

Misleading and incorrect comments made by Minister Gago regarding the River Murray must be set straight.

As the Member for Hammond, I have been extremely active in the fight for the health of the River Murray, an issue that I am passionate about and has been a priority of mine since being elected to Parliament in 2006.

I was passionate about a fresh water outcome for the entire river system, including Lake Albert and Lake Alexandrina.

I fought strongly against the Wellington Weir proposal during the drought.

I continue to work with the Meningie and Lower Lakes communities on their plans for a return to health for Lake Alexandrina, Lake Albert and the Coorong.

I was there when the bunds were dug up and water flows returned to the Murray Mouth.

For 12 years the regions have been neglected under the Weatherill Labor Government.

We have seen continued cuts to PIRSA and Biosecurity SA, Regional Development Australia and the Advisory Board of Agriculture.

The price of water for our primary producers has continued to climb under the Weatherill Labor Government, to a position where many farms are no longer viable and other farmers have had to make the tough decision to downsize and destock.

Steven Marshall and the State Liberals recognise the importance of rural and regional South Australia and will make our regions a priority if elected to Government.

This week we have announced our vision for a better future for agriculture in South Australia and committed to increase funding to Regional Development Australia entities to \$3 million per year.

The State Liberals have also committed to reinstating funding to the Advisory Board of Agriculture, \$1 million to helping our food producers through Food SA and an additional \$500,000 to combat fruit fly.

Premier Weatherill and Labor have neglected our State's regions for 12 years.

Only a Marshall Liberal Government will support our regions and have better priorities to put our State back on track.

Adrian Pederick,  
Member for Hammond.

## **FACEBOOK DISCUSSION**

**Unregistered hearse halted in funeral fuss** - MV Standard, February 19.

An undertaker was forced to transfer a body to another hearse after police ordered his vehicle off the road as it made its way to a crematorium. Find out more here <http://bit.ly/1bkdWOF>

**QUESTION:** Should the police officer have waited until the hearse's cargo was taken care of before pulling the driver from the road?

Absolutely disgusting no compassion at all for god sake what did they think the driver was gonna do drive off with a dead body in the hearse my god.

Posted by Sonya Marie Edwards

R.I.P to the person, & my heart is with the family but why blame the police officer, he was only doing his job.... If it's unregistered it should not have been on the road.... Be angry at the funeral company, they should have checked the rego .....

Posted by Belinda Therese Wilson

If that vehicle had an accident while being unregistered, there would have been no insurance cover. The officer was doing his job. I'm pretty certain that he didn't do it just for fun. Yes, it would have been distressing for the funeral parlour and the family, but so would having an accident in an uninsured vehicle.

Posted by Gail Robertson

Gail is 100% correct, what if there was an accident while the car was uninsured? The officer was only upholding the law. But on the other hand if there was a second patrol car available, if it went to the destination with police escort would that have been better? Not sure the family would like to see the deceased rock up with police escort? What other options did they have?

Posted by Nicholas Tanner