



V8s for Tailem

TAILEM Bend could host a V8 Supercar event under a Liberal government, Opposition Leader Stephen Marshall has suggested.

Mr Marshall has flagged his desire to build on South Australia's motor sport profile by bidding for a second V8 race - after Adelaide's Clipsal 500 - to be run at an upgraded Tailem Bend Motorsport Park.

The race would likely be held towards the end of the V8 season to accommodate the Liberals' desire for two distinct motor racing seasons each year.

"The two motor sport seasons will encompass both V8 Supercar races, other motor sport events, touring cars, vintage vehicle auctions and classic car meets to secure pole position for South Australia in the race for the tourist dollars of motor sport enthusiasts," he said.

"We will examine building the existing Targa Adelaide and Bay to Birdwood events around the enhanced V8 Supercar events to encourage a greater number of interstate fans to extend their length of stay."

If elected, the Liberals would spend \$200,000 analysing the benefits of such an arrangement.

Liberal Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick said the event would be great for the region.

"The flow-on effects for Hammond from this proposal would be enormous with regards to tourism revenue and creation of jobs," he said.

In November, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport recommended to the State Government that Tailem Bend would be the ideal site for any future motor sport development in South Australia.

The Standard contacted Labor Recreation and Sport Minister Leon Bignell for a comment, but he had not yet replied at the time of publication.

However, The Standard understands the State Labor government will make an announcement about the motor sport park in the next week.