

Hundreds rallying for Raukkan

By Claire Campbell

HUNDREDS of people are expected to rally in Adelaide tomorrow against funding cuts to Raukkan.

The third "Stop the Forced Closure of Aboriginal Communities in Australia" rally in South Australia will take place on Friday, with attendees marching against the funding losses to the Raukkan community, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music.

Members from Ngoppon Together in Murray Bridge will join in the march, particularly fighting for the rights and resources of Ngarrindjeri people.

Michele Madigan, of Ngoppon Together, said Aboriginal people and communities deserved better.

"We owe everything to Aboriginal people, we've taken all their assets and yet we can't even give them the human rights that everybody has," she said.

"The Minister says we're not closing the community and then they defund them but they're not taking any responsibility for the ramifications."

"So many Aboriginal organisations have been defunded, as long as its run by an Aboriginal person or organisation that seems to be the criteria to being defunded."

The Standard reported in May that Raukkan's jobs, education initiatives and



Lead a hand: Ngoppon Together Murray Bridge members Marshall Carter and Michele Madigan believe funding cuts to Ngarrindjeri communities and services are deplorable and urge the community to speak out.

health services were under threat as the Federal Government only gave 7 per cent of the funding it needed to run the community and council.

Ngarrindjeri elder Marshall Carter said the cuts felt like the Government was trying to get rid of Aboriginal people from their land.

Pederick calls for return of 110kph speed limit

By Peri Strathearn

STATE Parliament has voted down a proposal to keep country roads at 110 kilometres per hour unless "safety-based evidence" warrants a lower speed limit.

Last Thursday, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick called for the State Government to oppose future speed limit reductions unless it had clear evidence they would improve safety.

He also called for speed limits on Adelaide's fringes and the Yorke Peninsula to be increased back to 110km/h where it was safe to do so, and for regional

road maintenance to be considered a priority.

"It is not the people who are travelling at 110km/h and doing the right thing who are the issue; it is those who are under the influence of drugs and alcohol or those who drive in a dangerous manner," he said.

"That is what the Government should be targeting and punishing, not law-abiding road users."

In fact, he said, lowering speed limits could reduce public safety by adding to driver fatigue.

Member for Schubert Stephan Knoll argued that the focus on speed limits was a "cheap way

out" of proper road maintenance.

"Not only do we not get the roads that we deserve, but we also get smacked with lower speed limits, making our lives a lot less convenient," he said.

Both MPs suggested the Government look at the cause of individual fatalities or injuries rather than assuming speed was a factor.

But Labor MP Tom Kenyon pointed out that the force of a car crash increased exponentially with speed, and that motorists travelling 10km/h faster would come 1.7 metres closer to a hazard before reacting.

"I find it as frustrating as

anyone suddenly going from 110km/h on the South Australian side of the border to 100km/h, but it is no accident - forgive the pun - that the Victorian road safety statistics are the best in the country," he said.

"They have two things that I think are highly important: one is that they have lower speed limits and the second is that they have 18 as their driving age - that is a debate for another day."

Mr Pederick's motion was put to a vote which tied 20-20, but Speaker Michael Atkinson used his deciding vote to preserve the status quo.

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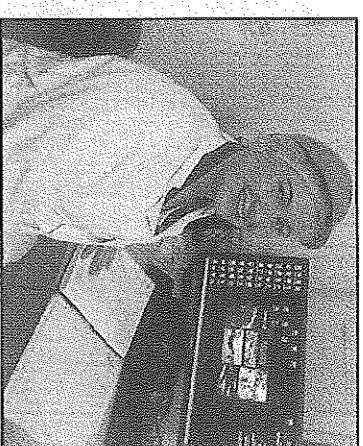
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