

Hammond News

ADRIAN PEDERICK MP

Member for Hammond

A word from Adrian Pederick MP:

I am proud and honoured to represent the regional electorate of Hammond in our State Parliament. 2015 is passing by so quickly and I wish all residents of South Australia health and happiness through the rest of 2015 and beyond.

Keeping Informed:

Along with Twitter and my website I also have a Facebook Group. By using this group, you can keep up to date and see what may be happening in the Hammond Electorate. The group will contain all the latest information regarding the electorate and what I am up to. If possible, I encourage you to join as it is a great way to keep informed.

SA Motorsport Park:

The SA Motorsport Park received \$7.5 million from the Federal Government earlier this year. This development has an enormous amount of potential for the region. It will provide jobs, increased revenue for the area, and will be a real boost for tourism in the future. I am certainly thankful for the Federal Government's funding and look forward to seeing the Motorsport Parks development.



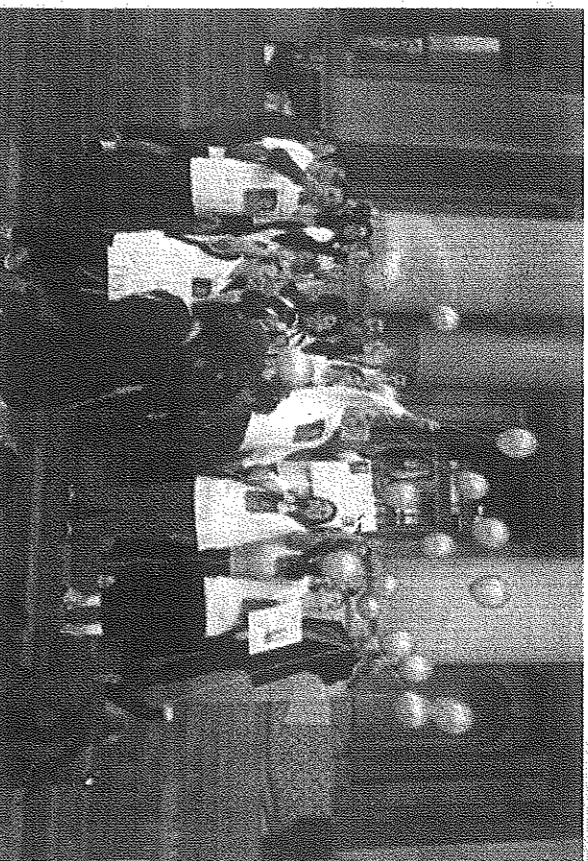
Adrian Pederick MP, Tony Pasin MP, Jaimie Briggs MP and Sam Shalin from the Peregrine Group at the SA Motorsport Park

2015/16 State Budget:

The 2015/16 State Budget provides no relief for the already struggling residents of South Australia. Along with an increase to vehicle registration residents of this State can expect to see an increase to the Emergency Services Levy, once again. Households worth \$500,000 will pay an extra \$205. This Budget also does not focus on creating jobs and fixing South Australia's dangerous job crisis. This budget actually promises to create fewer jobs than forecast in last year's budget. Now with the State's unemployment rate hitting 8.2%, it is crucial that changes are made. Yet again the Weatherill Labor Government have delivered a disastrous budget. It has been confirmed that the Daw Park Repatriation General Hospital will close. The downgrade of emergency departments will result in longer waiting times and many regional residents will have to travel further to receive care. No major infrastructure projects have been identified and this budget does not appreciate the residents of Regional South Australia.

NZ/Long-nosed Fur Seals:

The NZ/Long-nosed Fur Seal population is now over 100,000 and increasing at 5.5% per year. Unfortunately the species are causing a lot of damage to Fisheries and the Environment. I have recently moved a motion in Parliament and released a petition calling on the State Government to immediately implement an Overabundant Native Species Management Plan and to include a Sustainable Harvest of the NZ/Long-nosed Fur Seals which has already received 1,200 signatures. This can be accessed on my Facebook Group. Website and in my office I am also happy to send out any petitions, so please don't hesitate to contact me.



Releasing of balloons in memory of Finn and support for the Bill

Finn's Law:

I re-introduced the Statutes Amendment (Rights of Foster Parents and Guardians) Bill 2015, also referred to as Finn's Law to provide foster parents and guardians with more legal rights. The bill is seeking to provide more rights in relation to funeral arrangements if a child were to die while in the care of a foster parent, and also the opportunity for significant foster parents to be included on the death certificate of the foster child. On the 22nd July, a group of people walked from Crafer's to the steps of Parliament House where a rally was held. Donations were collected on the walk, the group raised close to \$300. This money will be donated to the Women's and Children's Intensive Care Unit, somewhere Finn spent much of his time.



Adrian speaking at the Finns Law Rally

Hindmarsh Island Bridge Levy:

The abandonment of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge Levy in the 2015/16 State Budget came as a surprise, considering that several millions of dollars were collected by the South Australian Government by this levy. Only a few re-subdivisions have been caught up with the payment of the levy and I can only presume that those affected probably chose to pay the levy in yearly instalments instead of a lump sum payment. These will now cease, and in fact may not have made full payment. There was no consultation or previous discussion of this matter with me, the local Member. I welcome the removal of a development tax principally on one developer to provide community infrastructure. The bridge is of major tourism benefit, provides security and safety of access for the island community and has fostered much economic development together with employment opportunities in Goolwa.

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