

MEDIA RELEASE

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Survey for Murray Bridge bus services

Bus services between Murray Bridge and Adelaide are the subject of a survey being conducted by local MP Adrian Pederick.

Mr Pederick said many constituents had contacted him about bus services, and while individual needs vary, the common theme was that existing options are inadequate and unsuitable for many Murraylands residents.

'I have had discussions with passenger transport personnel and local operators and while I realise that services have to be viable it is also important to recognise that often people who use public transport do so because they have no other option,' Mr Pederick said.

'Not everyone is able to afford private transport, while others are not able to drive. Often, they seek medical treatment from city-based specialists for the very ailment that prevents them from driving.

'At present, these people find themselves obliged to spend a whole day in the city for a half-hour appointment.

'The option of linking with other Hills bus services is not always suitable as passengers cannot always manage the necessary baggage transfers.

'Information gained would be passed on to the authorities to assist them in considering ways of meeting those needs.

Mr Pederick said survey forms would be available from the Murray Bridge Visitor Info Centre and Alternatively, residents wishing to contribute could contact his office at 20 Mannum Rd or call 8531 1676 to express their views.

Responses for the survey are required by