

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MP backs call for Metro-Ticket transport options**

Local MP Adrian Pederick has echoed calls for improvements to bus services between Murray Bridge and Adelaide.

Mr Pederick said he had conducted a survey in 2010 to get a clearer picture of the shortcomings of local bus services.

He said the survey, which was well supported, showed clearly that Murray Bridge residents were very dissatisfied with services currently offered.

'Responses showed locals felt services did not offer desirable times, facilities, fares and booking options,' Mr Pederick said.

'The majority of survey replies came from older citizens who had particular needs that were not being met.

'This call from students in the area for changes to the Murray Bridge – Adelaide services underlines that the problems are varied and affect all age groups in our community.

'I sent the results of my survey to Link SA last September and was keen to discuss the findings with them, but to this time I have not received a formal reply on possible restructures to services and timetables.

'I am very keen to see the Metro-Ticket system that currently reaches Mt Barker extended to include Murray Bridge.

'With growth and development planned for this rural city, I believe now is the time to get bus services between the cities right. We need a fresh approach to the problem.'