

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **EC extended for Murray Mallee and River Murray corridor**

Farmers in the River Murray corridor and Murray Mallee have been relieved to hear Exceptional Circumstances declarations for their regions have been extended.

In the wake of an announcement by the federal government state Shadow Minister for Agriculture Adrian Pederick said the extension would provide a further lifeline to struggling farmers.

‘It is good to see farmers in those regions will receive support for a further twelve months in the face of continuing hardships brought about by the extended drought,’ Mr Pederick said.

‘The drought, global financial crisis and water resource management issues made primary production across SA very difficult.

‘Recent rainfall and the improvement in the international finance climate have eased the situation for many farmers.

‘It is to be hoped that conditions across the state improve further and our rural economy might soon return to normal.’