

MEDIA RELEASE

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Mixed feelings on EC news

Exceptional Circumstances support has been extended until 31 March 2012 for South Australia's River Corridor, but will cease in the Mallee as from 31 March 2011.

The EC program has been critical for many farming families and their local communities across South Australia during recent years of drought.

Local state MP and Shadow Minister for Agriculture Adrian Pederick said the news would receive mixed reactions around his electorate.

'Many of my constituents will be relieved to learn they have another twelve months assistance to help them recover from a series of dreadful seasons, and I'm pleased for them.

'Other farmers further east across the Mallee may have to make some adjustments.

'I will be closely monitoring the situation and invite people to contact me with their views on the matter

'Alternatively they can contact their Rural Counsellor who can talk with them about other possible support options.'

Rural Counsellors are Grant Crettenden 8531 2291; Max Baker 8595 9146 or Rita Perre 8595 9170.