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Pederick urges Government to consult community about Mobilong expansion

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick has welcomed the new approach taken by the Government on its communication and consultation with the Murray Bridge community about the planned prison expansion at Mobilong.

Mr Pederick rejected suggestions by the Attorney General last week that he, Mr Pederick, or the community were unhappy about the planned expansion.

“We never said we were not happy with the decision or that such a major project would not be welcomed in the district,” said Mr Pederick. “We were merely expressing our disappointment at the timing and manner in which the announcement was made.”

Mr Pederick said certain promises were made to local community bodies about consultation prior to such an announcement and these promises had been broken.

The statement issued by correctional Services Minister Carmel Zollo on September 25th demonstrates the Government’s arrogance in that it placed political expediency above trust and commitment.

“This is the same arrogance displayed by the Attorney General in Parliament last week when I asked him about the lack of promised prior consultation with the community.”

“The Government has missed an opportunity to establish a solid and sincere relationship with its intended partner, the Murray Bridge community, whose support, patience and understanding will be called on often during the next few years.”

It is to be hoped the Government will be more consultative and honest with country communities about other important matters including country health plans, education, roads, transport and emergency services.

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