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Adrian Pederick MP Member for Hammond

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PEDERICK QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT OF MURRAY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION

State Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick MP has today said that the State Government is not committed to developing the Murray Bridge Railway Station, following his question to the Minister for Transport in Parliament this week.

On Monday 5th June 2006, Mr Pederick, asked the Minister for Transport, the Hon Patrick Conlon MP, will they facilitate the transfer of management of the Murray Bridge Railway Station building to the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) and cover the clean-up costs required to make the building safe for human use.

The Minister responded by saying the land [the railway building is situated on] and the surrounding areas are “too valuable to simply to hand over to the council” and that the land should be part of a large plan for the redevelopment of Murray Bridge.

Not satisfied with the dismissive answer from the Minister, Mr Pederick raised the question again in Parliament on Tuesday 6th June 2006.

“The railway station has been unused for a period of approximately five years and the council would like to take it over and develop it into a youth centre.”

“This requires a massive cleanup bill, and the council obviously would like to work through the process to get it into a useable state to assist the many youth in Murray Bridge, which is a booming town”

Mr Pederick said it was a disgrace that there has not yet been a brief by the State Government for the Murray Bridge Redevelopment Project, that was set up two years ago, and the master planning between with the Government and the RCMB, had been stalled preventing the employments of consultants to move forward with the project.

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