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Agriculture, Food and Fisheries - Forests

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Mallee MP elevated to Shadow Ministry

Being named Shadow Minister in four important portfolios has elevated local MP Adrian Pederick within the state opposition.

As well as the vital River Murray portfolio, Mr Pederick is now Shadow Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change, Agriculture Food and Fisheries and Forests.

The change comes as part of a shadow ministry reshuffle announced by Opposition Leader Martin Hamilton-Smith last Tuesday.

Mr Pederick has been Parliamentary Secretary to the Liberal Leader for both the River Murray and Sustainability and Climate Change since April 2007.

A fifth generation farmer whose forebears came to South Australia in 1840, Mr Pederick grew up in and still lives in the Mallee and is very familiar with the trials and tribulations of rural life. He has also worked in other industries and parts of regional Australia.

He said the mix of portfolios was important as they complemented each other with many issues overlapping and matters in each portfolio having an impact on the others.

‘As an example, at this moment the survival and recovery of the River Murray is an absolute priority for South Australia’s future. If we fail, it will have a profound effect on sustainability, climate change, agriculture, food, fisheries and forests.

‘Conversely, poor management in those areas will contribute to the river’s problems and severely impede our endeavours to restore a healthy and viable river system and, therefore, rural economy.

‘I will be paying close attention to the federal government’s Emissions Trading Scheme proposal to ensure that even though it does not directly affect agriculture until 2015, increases in other farm input costs that will be affected sooner do not leave our farmers unviable.

Mr Pederick will work closely with Shadow Water Security Minister Mitch Williams in pursuing satisfactory and lasting outcomes for the River Murray and Lower Lakes.

‘I look forward to working with all my shadow cabinet colleagues and the entire opposition team to return balanced and effective government to all of South Australia.’

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