
Pederick re-elected with solid majority

Adrian Pederick, sitting member for the electorate of Hammond, has been re-elected to state parliament with what will be a resounding majority.

The electorate covers the River Murray from Purnong to the Murray Mouth, the Lower Lakes, part of Meningie, Goolwa and other lakeside towns as well as the Southern Mallee.

By early Sunday morning, with 72 per cent of the vote counted, Mr Pederick had 61 per cent of the first preference votes and 69 per cent of the two-party preferred count.

That total may well increase when postal and absentee votes are added, which should be within a few days.

Mr Pederick said he was delighted with the result and was humbled by the electorate's strong show of faith in him as local member.

'I have been privileged to represent this diverse and wonderful region since 2006 and am very honoured to be re-elected,' Mr Pederick said.

'I believe my efforts over the past four years to speak for and advance the needs of the people of Hammond have shown residents that I am truly committed to pursuing a better future for this region.

'The battle for our vital river and lakes will go on and I will not rest until the matter is resolved and SA is treated as an equal partner under central administration.

'I thank my election campaign team and supporters for their unwavering and successful effort. I especially pay tribute to my wife Sally and my family who have lived every minute and all the ups and downs of this busy campaign with me.

'I now look forward to getting on with the job of making Hammond and SA a better place to live for us all – whatever the final state outcome.'

Caption;

Celebrating with Adrian Pederick and wife Sally at his post-election party were members of Hammond SEC; L-R, Karen Parker - Vice Pres, Maurice Wilhelm - Secretary/Treasurer, Beth Hodgkison - President, Adrian and Sally.