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After just over three months of being the Member for Hammond, I am enjoying the challenge of learning the operations of the House of Assembly, the sound of ringing bells in parliament house and gaining knowledge on all issues! My role as Deputy Whip has also proved enlightening when organising the Opposition side of the House of Assembly as well as assisting the Government Whip.

In my Maiden Speech on 4th May 2006, I re-affirmed my commitment to the constituents of Hammond and thanked them for having faith in me as their representative in the House of Assembly. Since being elected I have embraced the opportunity to listen to my constituents and take their concerns to parliament.

Since the 51st Parliament of South Australia opened on 27th April 2006, I have spoken in the House of Assembly on the:-

- first anniversary of the storm that struck the township of Karoonda;
- renovation of Murray Bridge Railway Station;
- need to improve water supply to Clayton
- inequitable issue of grain carting off farm
- removal of transfer fees on water allocations on licences donated to the environment
- need for expansion of the Mallee Health Service;
- instigation of a fire hydrant maintenance program in country areas;

I have also asked questions to Ministers of the Government on:-

- improving public transport in Murray Bridge;
- transferring the management of the Murray Bridge railway station building to the Rural City of Murray Bridge;
- completion of works for the Lower Murray Rehabilitation Scheme
- establishing and maintaining a host server to GPSnet (Global Positioning Server);

As a member of the Parliamentary Social Development Committee, I have the opportunity to investigate matters relating to the social well being of the community. The Committee's function is to investigate matters relating to the social well being of the community and to inquire into, consider and report on matters concerned with the health, welfare and education of the people of the State, the arts, recreation and sport, and the cultural and physical development of the people of the State, and any matter concerned with quality of life of communities, families or individuals in the State and how that quality of life might be improved.

I am also a member of the recently formed Strathalbyn Community Consultative Committee. This Committee provides an excellent opportunity for a broad cross section of the community to exchange information on issues related to the proposed Angas Zinc Mine project by Terramin Australia and to ensure accurate and effective communication between all stakeholders. I also maintain my active membership with the community and industry organisations in my local region and South Australia.

My election promises included addressing the issues experienced by communities from regional and rural areas, including the need for satisfactory health services, adequate aged care facilities, quality education facilities, upgraded roads, improved transport routes, greater police presence, protection of the River Murray, responsible strategies for irrigation based industries, development of infrastructure, environmental accountability, management of land leases, practical regional bus services, and fire management practices.

I am also committed to promoting and assisting in developing the Hammond electorate's primary, manufacturing, processing and tourism industries to encourage economic growth and long term sustainability in Hammond.

Working with the constituents, community groups, business' and Local and State Governments, I intend on developing the region to achieve a positive outcome for all involved. My vision is for a vibrant and prosperous community that works cooperatively together to achieve a positive and proactive future.

I have leased the family farm to pursue a career in politics but my family roots are in farming and I will always be supportive of those who work hard to make a living off the land. I am a proud community member and honoured to be serving the electorate of Hammond – a strong and independent community that works hard and strives to survive, and despite occasional setbacks, still manages to come out a winner.

As the elected Member for Hammond, I have been enjoying the challenges politics has introduced me to and I look forward to the ongoing personal and professional development this occupation will offer me. In turn, I am embracing the opportunity I have to deliver my election promises in making my vision for Hammond a reality.

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