



MEDIA RELEASE

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Member for Hammond

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Drought forum next week

Rural business people are being invited to attend a forum to discuss the impact of the drought, hear what services and support are currently available and discuss the Federal Government's Exceptional Circumstances funding program.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick has arranged next Wednesday's meeting in response to the current situation which threatens many rural businesses with severe hardship, compounding difficulties caused by previous recent poor years.

The meeting will be addressed by representatives of State and Federal government departments and the banking industry.

Councils in the region and other interested groups – stock and farm supply agents, real estate and general business people - are expected to attend the afternoon meeting.

Mr Pederick said the forum might lead to the preparation of a submission to the Federal Government presenting the region's case for the existing Exceptional Circumstances criteria to be varied.

The forum will be held at 1pm on Wednesday November 1st upstairs at 6 Seventh Street Murray Bridge. Those wishing to attend are asked to advise Mr Pederick's office on 8531 1676, or email adrian.pederick@parliament.sa.gov.au

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