

“WHAT I STAND FOR”

ADRIAN PEDERICK MP, Member for Hammond (Liberal Party)

Age: 43
Marital Status: Married with two small children
Previous Occupation: Farmer / Dryland Grazier
Hobbies: Spending time with my family, current affairs, sport, and community activities

During the 2006 State Election campaign, I informed the community that I was firmly committed to building a positive future for Hammond and serving the electorate to the best of my ability. In my Maiden Speech to the 51st Parliament of South Australia, I re-affirmed this commitment to my constituents and thanked them for having faith in me as their representative in the House of Assembly. I intend to further the develop of the region by working with the constituents, community and service groups, service providers and businesses, and Local and State Government 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.

In working for the future of Hammond, I accepted a position on the Parliamentary Social Development Committee. As a member of the Social Development Committee, I have the opportunity to investigate matters relating to the social well being of the community. I believe this Committee position will provide many beneficial results to my electorate. 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 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, practical regional bus services, and fire management practices and management of land leases. A Government about-face on the untenable situation resulting from Government policy on the latter item has already come to fruition due to lobbying by myself and several others in Opposition. Furthermore, I have made a commitment to monitor the changed public transport service in Murray Bridge to ensure that it meets the community's needs, have taken up the cause of many constituents with issues that need

attention, and am currently working with local government of a number of new initiatives to assist youth and economic development.

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

While I have leased the family farm to pursue a career in politics, 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 and making my vision for Hammond a reality.