



Frome Electorate Office

Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



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News Release

FULL MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES RETURN TO PORT PIRIE

I am very pleased that the women of Port Pirie and its environs will again have access, locally, to full diagnostic mammography services in Port Pirie, following the negotiation of a new contract with a private provider.

A diagnostic mammogram is for women of any age who have breast symptoms and who need more investigation. This is a more extensive investigation and usually accompanied by a clinical breast examination and ultrasound. A screening mammogram is for women who have no breast symptoms.

BreastScreen SA estimates it will screen over two thousand women during its current visit to Port Pirie. Port Pirie is one of 27 rural and remote locations visited by this service every two years, which is the recommended screening interval.

Even more pleasing are the assurances given by Health Minister, Hon John Hill MP in the Chamber this week that the Government is committed to improving the health of country residents and will continue in their efforts to provide as many services as possible at a local level.

I can promise my constituents that I will continue to lobby for a fair deal for regional constituents in terms of the provision of health services.

I will be monitoring, with interest, to ensure the Minister's commitment of more services to be delivered in rural, regional and remote areas is carried out. Having more elective surgery, renal dialysis and chemotherapy in the regions is a significant win for regional South Australians.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Geoff Brock'.

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