



Frome Electorate Office

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Media Statement

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Firstly, it would be remiss of me to not acknowledge that our State and the community of Frome are working through an austere economic period. The 2012/13 State Budget speaks to that.

I could adopt the 'glass half empty' mentality or, as I plan to, choose to be positive and very optimistic about our future.

In being positive, I graciously accept the funds the Weatherill Government has set aside for key studies to aid Port Pirie's long term growth strategy.

This funding allocation is a result of my direct and tireless lobbying. I have worked collaboratively with the Port Pirie Regional Council and RDA Yorke & Mid North and together we have formulated some very positive strategies for our region's long term viability.

I wish to remind all constituents that now is the time to come forward with your visions and your solution focussed strategies on how to build on our existing strengths as a region. My door is always open and I am eager to listen and progress any positive ideas.

I see the next 18 months as being crucial to positioning Port Pirie and the wider community of Frome, to be **the** destination for all key stakeholders in mining and anyone who recognises this region as a suitable place to invest.

I have said it before and I state it again, 'Port Pirie and the surrounding district is open for business.'

Lastly I wish to acknowledge that people are struggling with cost of living pressures and I re-commit to advocating for a better deal for regional constituents.

Major items on my list include securing funding for a business case into safeguarding our long term water requirements, a continued push for a better deal in terms of the Patients Assistance Transport Scheme (PATs) and more equitable charging of water accounts for all Housing SA tenants with shared meters.

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