



Media Release

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DECISION IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Labor to form minority government with support of independent Geoff Brock

The decision made by Geoff Brock to support a minority Labor Government yesterday, he believes, will deliver the most stable Government possible, given the current situation.

“My heart is dedicated to regional South Australia.” Over the past week Geoff has been contacted by Mayor’s of Councils across the State. Their message was clear, please consider us in any decision you make.

Geoff sought broad consultation with five regional councils CEO’s and Mayor’s in his Electorate of Frome, The Local Government Association, the Grain Industry, Primary Producers, Licensed Clubs SA, South Australian Council of Social Service and several other associations.

Leading up to the weekend both Bob Such and Geoff Brock were communicating freely, hoping to achieve unity on their decision. However, on Saturday morning information was received that Bob Such had suddenly taken ill and was hospitalised, rendering him unavailable for his parliamentary duties for 2-3 months. This placed the onus back on Geoff Brock to make the hardest decision of his political career.

In the scenario of 23 seats won by each party, the State Government would continue to be in Caretaker Mode for possibly 2 – 3 months waiting for Bob Such to return to office. If that were to happen, long delays in decision making could result in unfair increases in costs to our already burgeoning Business Community of South Australia.

With this weighing heavily on his mind combined with a huge number of calls requesting support, Geoff has made a decision, that he believes will deliver the most stable Government possible.

Geoff was offered the role of Minister for Regional Development and Local Government relations by both parties. These roles will highlight the issues pertaining to regional South Australia which Geoff will be able to bring to Cabinet.

Geoff's message is for all to work in a collaborative manner going forward. Together we can face the challenges ahead.

Geoff also asks that the newly elected members of the State Government work closely towards the common goal of ensuring that the best outcomes are delivered for the State. We must all remember we are here to get the best opportunities for the people of our State, not our preferred political party.

Geoff Brock MP
Member for Frome