



Frome Electorate Office

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PRESS RELEASE

Water Concessions – Regional South Australia

Geoff is very concerned with the ever increasing cost of water especially to Regional Councils and Regional Sporting Associations.

These groups are endeavouring to provide adequate facilities for our communities to be able to play sports and at same time attract other sporting events as part of regional growth.

Geoff is very concerned with both sides of Politics that there appears to be no direction with regard to assisting sporting opportunities with costs of water.

It is also noted that Water SA is under a “charter” to provide certain obligations and are constrained by this “Charter”, as if they divert from the Charter they would be in violation.

However it is noted that SA Water has and continues to provide a dividend to the Government of the day, and the past year has been no exception, and this return was in excess of \$250m.

This concession from the “Dividend” that the Government of the day receives, could also be passed onto the Clare Grape Growers to assist them with their ever increasing costs.

This would assist the Grape Growers to be able to be on a “even footing” with other Regional Grape Growers in other locations.

Geoff calls on both major parties to forgo part of this dividend that SA Water provides each year and return some of this to Regional Councils and also Regional Sporting Associations to assist them with regard to providing these facilities to the communities.

The only other avenue is for all Regional Councils to raise the Rates, but it is noted that the Liberal Party, if elected, will place a “cap on Council Rates”, will further restrict the provision of adequate sporting arenas.

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