

# News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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## Regional Development Minister in Port Lincoln for talks tomorrow

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock is visiting Port Lincoln tomorrow as part of an initial state-wide swing through the regions.

Mr Brock – who’s also Local Government Minister – said he planned to use the early weeks in his new role as a Cabinet Minister to visit major regional centres as a first step in hearing about the issues concerning residents living outside of the Adelaide metropolitan area.

“I’m very keen to meet people face-to-face as I travel around the regions so I can hear their concerns first-hand,” Mr Brock said.

“I’m obviously aware of the issues in my own electorate of Frome, but I see my role as being a voice in Cabinet for all of the regions, so I’m using these early weeks to get out and meet as many people as I can, and then come back at a later date for a longer period.

“I’ll be bringing a regional focus to the Cabinet table in both my roles as Local Government Minister and Regional Development Minister.

“I’m passionate about the regions and equally as passionate about the role local government can play in achieving change in our local communities across the State.

“My role will include overseeing the State Government’s \$39 million funding package I’ve initially secured for the regions to drive growth and improve infrastructure.

“This will include increasing the Regional Development Fund to \$15 million and a one-off \$10 million job accelerator fund quarantined for regional development.

“My emphasis will be on creating jobs and providing opportunities for growth in the regions in areas such as infrastructure projects, small business, tourism development and getting our world class products to the marketplace,” Mr Brock said.

Mr Brock is planning to hold a meeting in Port Lincoln with regional Mayors and Chief Executives, as well as other community, local government and Regional Development Australia representatives from across Eyre Peninsula.

Mr Brock will inspect the upgraded Port Lincoln Airport terminal opened in January this year, tour mussel processing facilities at Kinkawooka Pty Ltd and visit Clean Seas Tuna.

He’ll also visit the Lincoln Marine Science Centre and meet with representatives from Iron Road Limited who will brief him on the company’s plans to develop an iron ore deposit in Central Eyre Peninsula.

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