



Hon Jay Weatherill MP  
Premier of South Australia

**Geoff Brock MP**  
**Member for Frome**

**By Hand**

Dear Mr Brock *Geoff*

I refer to our discussions about the need for stable and effective government in South Australia following the State election on 15 March 2014.

I am pleased that we have agreed in principle on a set of arrangements designed to achieve that end. I confirm that under those arrangements:

1. You will consider executing an agreement with me as Leader of the Labor Party which provides for your support on matters of supply and confidence, while acknowledging your independence, provides for a strong working relationship between us, and provides the basis for a response to issues we have mutually identified arise from the state election;
2. You will consider executing an agreement with me as Leader of the Labor Party, which provides for you to accept an appointment as Minister in a re-elected State Government while preserving your independence from the Labor Party;
3. We will join together in developing charters for stronger regional policy and for small business, in recognition of the fact that the Government must re-establish confidence in the small business and regional communities that their concerns are effectively heard within Government and responded to;
4. The Labor Party will commit a re-elected State Government to increased support for regional communities in South Australia;
5. The Labor Party will commit a re-elected State Government to a number of projects and issues of particular concern to the communities in the electorate of Frome, and will commit to the investigation of a number of other projects also of concern to communities in the electorate of Frome.

Please find attached a draft agreement intended to reflect our agreement referred to in paragraph 1 above; a draft agreement intended to reflect our agreement referred to in paragraph 2 above; and draft charters intended to reflect our agreements referred to in paragraph 3 above.

In respect of paragraph 4, I confirm that the Labor Party is prepared to commit a re-elected State Government to increased support to regional communities in South Australia with a

package of measures amounting to \$29 million per year, from a combination of re-directed resources and new resources. This includes increasing the Regional Development Fund to \$15 million per year. In addition we are prepared to commit an additional \$10 million to the New Jobs Accelerator Fund which will be directed at regional development opportunities.

In respect of paragraph 5, I confirm that the Labor Party is prepared to make the following commitments:

1. *Country Fire Service* The Labor Party will work together with you to establish a review of the presumptive provisions in relation to the Country Fire Services Volunteers under the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986*, to be concluded by the end of 2014 in order that its outcome can be considered for the 2015/16 State Budget.
2. The Labor Party will commit that it will not introduce rate capping for local government during this term of government.
3. The Labor party will commit to a review of the pensioner concession applied in respect of local government rates, to be concluded before the flexible concession initiative is implemented on 1 July 2015;
4. The Labor Party will commit to support the following projects which have been identified by communities in the electorate of Frome as significant to them:
  - 4.1. Development of a Wine Trail from McLaren Vale to the Southern Flinders Ranges;
  - 4.2. Improving the boat ramp facilities in Port Pirie, including dredging, to provide greater access, and to provide for access of larger craft to Port Pirie;
  - 4.3. Provision of a multi-use sports facility at the Memorial Oval area in Port Pirie, in partnership with the Federal and Local Governments.
  - 4.4. Enhancing water infrastructure to enable access to that infrastructure by the Port Pirie Golf Course, and assisting with irrigation improvements to the golf course to ensure more sustainable use of water;
  - 4.5. Relocating the palliative care service in Port Pirie;
  - 4.6. Providing right hand turning lane on the Spalding Road access to the Clare Aerodrome;
  - 4.7. Relocating the drop off zone at Gladstone Area School to avoid conflict with heavy transport vehicles in the event of emergency evacuation;
  - 4.8. Implementing improved lighting at the approaches to Snowtown to address safety risks;
  - 4.9. Implement the following road improvement projects during this term of government:
    - 4.9.1. Upgrade the Bute to Kulpara Road
    - 4.9.2. Upgrade the Laura to Gladstone Road

These projects will be funded from a combination of existing resources, re-directed resources, resources provided under the Labor Party's increased commitment to regional communities and new resources.

The Labor Party is also prepared to investigate a number of other issues and projects that communities in the electorate of Frome have identified as significant to them. These issues and projects include:

1. Shoulder sealing on the Port Broughton to Alford Road, and the Port Pirie to Port Broughton Road;
2. Improved lighting at the Red Hill intersection;
3. Additional ongoing funding for regional road improvements;
4. A regional rebate scheme for sporting clubs in respect of their water requirements, given the increased need for water for clubs in drier areas of the state and the lack of availability of recycled water;
5. Relief for Clare Valley wine growers in respect of their water requirements, in particular by investigating the possibility of periods of inter-peak water use and night-time use of water;
6. Access by schools to recycled water for use in sub-surface irrigation;
7. Redevelopment of the Northern Arts Centre
8. Relocation of the Clare Courthouse to the Police Station to improve management of offenders;
9. Transfer of land from the Courts Administration Authority in Clare to Country Arts SA to enable development of an arts centre in Clare;
10. Redevelopment of the PIRSA facility in Clare to allow co-location of PIRSA and SARDI officers and greater collaboration with viticulturists and wine producers.

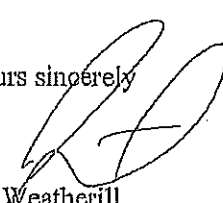
In addition to these matters the Labor Party will commit that a re-elected State Government will facilitate the development of private sector projects to enhance the barging capacity of Port Pirie Harbour, and to attract new industries to Bowman and Gladstone.

Obviously this is not an exhaustive list of the matters, relevant to your electorate, to which the State Government will consider during this term of government. However, I have set out these projects and issues in recognition of their importance to your constituents.

I hope that this letter appropriately reflects our discussions to date. If you have any concerns about any of the matters set out in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to being able to conclude our arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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Premier  
Leader of the South Australian Labor Party