

# News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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## New Regional South Australia Cabinet Committee established

A new high-powered Cabinet Committee with a specific focus on the regions has been set up by the State Government.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said one of the main aims of the committee – which included five Ministers – would be to deliver more funding, projects and services aimed at stimulating jobs growth in the regions.

“The Committee will be looking closely at how we can better coordinate and implement funding for regional growth strategies across all State Government portfolios and agencies,” Mr Brock said.

Mr Brock will chair the Committee. The other Cabinet members are:

- Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis
- Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills, Gail Gago
- Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister, Leon Bignell (Deputy Chair)
- Transport and Infrastructure Minister, Stephen Mullighan

The Cabinet Committee will oversee the \$39 million funding package negotiated by Mr Brock as part of his agreement with the Premier to drive growth and improve infrastructure in the regions.

“The funding package includes a one-off \$10 million Jobs Acceleration Fund specifically aimed at creating jobs in the regions and a \$13.4m boost to the Regional Development Fund to \$15m annually,” Mr Brock said.

“I’m very pleased to be appointed Committee Chairman and, as Minister for the Regional Development and Local Government portfolios, I’m in the best position to make sure it will be results-driven.

“One of our first tasks will be to establish an application and assessment process which can deliver quick decisions so we can start seeing the funding in action around the state.”

“I’m passionate about the regions and since becoming a Minister, I’ve travelled across the state each week to hear first-hand the views and concerns of locals and to ensure them about the government’s commitment to regional South Australia.

“This new Cabinet Committee – which will meet for the first time later this month – is the first and very significant step towards establishing greater confidence in the regions and delivering results to generate economic growth in their local communities,” Mr Brock said.