

News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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Fund My Idea voting closes on Monday

There are just five days left to vote for your favourite *Fund My Idea* projects in the Riverland.

Voting closes at 5.00 pm next Monday (August 11) for the projects submitted under the first of the State Government's Country Cabinet funding programs.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said the call for submissions, which opened after the Government's first Country Cabinet meeting in the Riverland on 23 June, attracted a wide variety of ideas for the \$50,000 available through the Regional Development Fund program.

"The response to the program has been fantastic, and we now have 71 great ideas listed on the YourSAy website for the public to vote on," Mr Brock said.

"There is a diverse range of projects to choose from across health, transport and infrastructure, sports and recreation, arts, business, social services and community engagement.

"The submissions showcase the amount of activity that's going on in the Riverland, and the fantastic ideas that the community have for the region.

"With so many initiatives put forward, I encourage people to take the opportunity to vote on how they want to see this funding spent.

"The focus should be on what will best meet the community's economic and social needs.

"Once voting closes, the top three publicly-voted ideas will be assessed for funding, with an announcement expected shortly after."

Minister Brock said the Country Cabinet Program is part of the \$15 million enhanced Regional Development Fund he negotiated as part of his agreement with the Premier.

"\$150,000 is available each year for the next four years to regions that host a Country Cabinet meeting, with three meetings to be held each year," he said.

"If you're not part of this round, you haven't missed out – the Country Cabinet Program will be available to every council area across the state in due course."

To vote for your favourite ideas, visit <http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/fundmyidea/riverland> before 5:00pm on Monday 11 August.