

# News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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## Comments on Regional Impact Assessment Statements

“Claims by Liberal MPs Steven Griffiths and Tim Whetstone that I have halted debate on a Parliamentary motion about regional consultation are complete nonsense, and nothing more than an attempt to score a cheap political point,” Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said today.

“Debate on the motion will continue when State Parliament resumes in September, when I have every intention of making my views clear,” Mr Brock said.

“The time available for Private Members Business had elapsed. What Mr Griffiths and Mr Whetstone are not saying is that the debate was adjourned so more MPs – including some of their own Liberal colleagues – would have a chance to speak.

“On becoming Minister, I insisted that the need for, and significance of, Regional Impact Assessment Statements be re-emphasised across government,” Mr Brock said.

“The head of the Department of Premier and Cabinet has recently reminded the Chief Executives of all State Government departments of the requirement and importance of preparing Regional Impact Assessment Statements.

“I had no control over the number of Regional Impact Assessment Statements that have been prepared in the past before I became Minister.

“What I can promise is that I am using my position to ensure regional issues are raised at the highest level of government in South Australia – directly into Cabinet,” Mr Brock said.