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Yorke Peninsula Alliance urged to support 10 economic objectives

Councils comprising the Yorke Peninsula Alliance will be asked to use their close links with local regional businesses to support the State Government's 10 economic objectives.

Manufacturing and Innovation Minister Susan Close is travelling with Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock this week to the Yorke Peninsula and Mid-North for a two-day regional tour that includes visits to local businesses.

The regional tour also includes a meeting at Balaklava with representatives of the Barunga West, Copper Coast, Yorke Peninsula and Wakefield councils.

Local Government Minister Geoff Brock said councils can play a role in making businesses in their regions aware of the many support program provided to manufacturers and exporters."

"Local governments in this state undoubtedly have a role to play in the urgent transformation of our State's economy," Mr Brock said.

Dr Close said the State Government wants to work closely with councils to make South Australia the place where people and business thrive.

"As a tier of government with close ties to thousands of small businesses, local government is in an ideal position to support efforts to build opportunities for employment across the state," she said.

"The Premier's call for all of us to take bold actions and seize opportunities isn't limited to Adelaide.

"We need all of the State to work together to make sure that South Australia works to its strengths and prospers in the global economy.

"That is why premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world, access to capital for South Australia's small business and unlocking the full potential of our resources, energy and renewable assets are particularly pertinent to regional areas.

"Our objectives to grow our economy through innovation, ensure South Australia is a growing destination choice for international and domestic travellers and promoting our international connections and engagement will also benefit our State's regions.

"I urge local government to work with the Department of State Development to carefully target suitable prospects for growing business in their area."