

## Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP

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### **Wheelchair access mat for Solomontown Beach**

The State Government will provide almost \$20,000 for a wheelchair access mat for Solomontown Beach, allowing those with disability and mobility difficulties to experience the ocean.

The \$19,360 in funding will be provided to the Red Cross, who will buy the portable and slip-resistant mat and oversee its 'roll-out' at the Upper Spencer Gulf beach.

The Red Cross expect to buy about 60m of mat, which will be modified as needed and placed on the beach regularly.

### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

Going to the beach and dipping your toes in the ocean – or going for a swim – is something many of us take for granted.

Everyone deserves to have the opportunity to experience the health and wellbeing benefits that come with a trip to the beach and being included in activities like this with their families and friends.

The State Government is committed to helping South Australians with disability live their lives to the fullest and this is exactly what this funding will help those living in Port Pirie and nearby do.

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Frome Geoff Brock**

I'm delighted to help deliver this important funding to the Red Cross, who do so much wonderful work in Port Pirie and throughout the Mid North, and to advocate on their behalf.

A trip to the beach is a quintessential Australian experience and this mat will allow many to touch the ocean's edge for the first time – a powerful experience.

It's great to be here with locals such as Hildy and hear from them firsthand about the difference it will make.

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