

## Hon Geoff Brock MP

Minister for Regional Development  
Minister for Local Government

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### New member appointed to Local Government Grants Commission

Local Government Minister, Geoff Brock today announced the appointment of Mr Dave Burgess to the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission for a three year term.

Mr Burgess is the current Mayor of the Mid Murray Council and the Immediate Past President of the Local Government Association.

#### Background

The Commission – an independent statutory authority – has three members and is responsible for making recommendations on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants and Commonwealth road grants to local governing authorities in South Australia.

Mr Burgess was selected from a panel of three candidates as the member nominee of the Local Government Association.

#### Quotes attributable to Local Government Minister Geoff Brock

The Commission plays an important role for local government in South Australia.

It provides more than \$150 million in funding to 74 bodies, including all 68 councils, the Outback Communities Authority and five Aboriginal communities.

This funding enables councils that have a lower than average capacity to raise revenue and greater than average expenditure requirements to provide the services needed by their communities.

Mr Burgess is widely respected and highly regarded throughout the local government sector.

I welcome his appointment and I look forward to his contribution to the Commission's work over the next three years.

#### Quotes attributable to LGA President, Lorraine Rosenberg

As Immediate Past President of the Local Government Association, Mayor Burgess has an excellent understanding of the needs of both metropolitan and regional councils.

He also understands the opportunities and challenges facing our sector, and I'm confident he will be a valuable addition to the Local Government Grants Commission.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Councillor Luke Hutchinson for his service and contributions to our sector during his time on the Grants Commission.

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