



Frome Electorate Office

Hon Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



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Premier steps in to fund cemetery repairs, after senseless act

Member for Frome Geoff Brock will, today, visit the Auburn Cemetery – where vandals have defiled dozens of headstones.

Premier Jay Weatherill and the State Government today promised to commit funds and work with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council to repair the damage.

Mr Brock, who is visiting the cemetery with local Mayor Allan Aughey, said the perpetrators would be held accountable for their actions. “This is a disgusting act of senseless violence,” Mr Brock said.

“The State Government has committed to putting funds towards its repairs, however when we do find those responsible they will be held accountable.

“The Premier, like the rest of the community, was outraged when he saw the story on last night’s news, and has offered to step in.

“We will find those who committed this crime and they will be made to pay for their act – both financially and through the full extent of the law.”

Mr Brock said some of the gravesites otherwise had no way of being repaired.

“Some of these people have no living relatives left, or those who do have relatives don’t have insurance on the gravesite and would be made to pay out-of-pocket,” he said.

“My heartfelt sorrow also goes out to those families who are feeling a double-dose of grief because of this unspeakable act.”

Background

The maximum penalty for this act – property damage, under the criminal law consolidation act – is 10 years.

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