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Venning urges locals to speak up in Senate Inquiry into algal bloom

The Member for Grey, Tom Venning, is urging locals affected by the algal bloom to take part in a Senate Inquiry by sharing how they have been impacted.

“It is vitally important that politicians in Canberra hear directly from real people about the crippling impacts being felt across our coastlines,” Mr Venning said.

“South Australia has never witnessed anything like this before. Not only have we seen shocking scenes of marine deaths on our beaches, but the bloom is also devastating livelihoods and having a severe economic impact across our region.”

The inquiry, established at the request of the Opposition, will examine the causes, frequency, scale, and duration of the algal bloom. The final report is due by 28 October.

The full terms of reference are available here:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/AlgalBloom48P

Mr Venning encouraged professional and recreational fishers, tourism operators, small business owners, and affected locals to make a written submission or give evidence in person when the inquiry visits South Australia.

“I’ve heard some heartbreaking stories – particularly from marine scale fishers who don’t qualify for existing support grants but fear their livelihoods are gone for years because their fish stocks have been completely wiped out.

“Those stories need to be told – loudly and clearly.”

Mr Venning has also written to Premier Malinauskas calling for an urgent review of the grant eligibility criteria.

He said the inquiry submission process was straightforward, and a guide is available on the Parliament of Australia website.

The Grey electorate office staff are happy to assist.

[Making a submission – Parliament of Australia](#)

Submissions close August 22.

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