



# TOM VENNING MP

## Member for Grey



### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **NO FLY ZONE – CLARE AND PORT PIRIE HELIPAD QUESTIONS REMAIN**

State Labor is under pressure to justify why 6 regional hospital helipads including Clare and Port Pirie in the electorate of Grey remain too unsafe for MedSTAR pilots to land. Tom Venning MP Member for Grey echoes the sentiment of State colleague Penny Pratt MP Member for Frome who is deeply concerned that significant money has been wasted by Labor, and that safety and response times for critical healthcare are putting lives at risk. *‘The State Government and SA Health must swiftly resolve these issues...’*

#### **Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey**

*"It is unacceptable that six upgraded regional helipads remain non-operational because the State Government failed to adhere to Federal aviation safety rules."*

*"As it relates to my electorate of Grey, this blunder has effectively shut down an emergency lifeline for the people of Clare and Port Pirie."*

*"Millions of taxpayer dollars are in jeopardy, as are the lives of people needing emergency care. The potential impacts of this error are deeply concerning."*

*"Emergency air transport is the last and most vital option for urgent care in Grey and other regional areas. The State Government and SA Health must swiftly resolve these issues to ensure critical life support is reliably available in our communities."*

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