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A WIN FOR REGIONAL SA: LABOR BACKFLIPS ON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

After receiving widespread backlash from regional Australians, Labor has abandoned their plan to lower speed limits on country roads to as low as 70 kilometres per hour.

Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning, who brought his concerns on this out-of-touch proposal to Canberra in October, said this news was a significant win for regional Australia.

The electorate of Grey covers 92.3 per cent of South Australia, and for most, long stretches of road is all that connects them to family and essential services.

Lowering speed limits across long and poorly unmaintained roads would have only decreased safety and productivity for regional motorists, freight operators, and farmers.

Member for Grey Tom Venning said there is still a long way to go for regional roads, particularly as the Albanese Government has cancelled, cut, and delayed more than \$30 billion worth of infrastructure projects since they were elected over three years ago.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey

“We need a Government that will deliver safer roads, not slower roads.”

“This is a victory for regional Australians, but it is not the end of this fight.”

“Our roads are in desperate need of funding, yet Labor has offered no additional funding for our roads, and no legitimate plan to address dangerous roads in Grey.”

“Labor has continually targeted regional roads for spending cuts, reducing funding from 80 per cent under the Coalition down to 50 per cent for road upgrade projects in the regions.”

“Programs designed by the Coalition to return a fair share of the Federal budget to the regions and make roads safer have been abolished by Labor, including the Roads of National Significance and Bridges Renewal programs.”



TOM VENNING MP

Member for Grey



“Our roads in regional Australia are the lifeline that connects our regional communities to essential services, and they are in desperate need of funding to improve conditions.”

“South Australia alone is facing a \$2 billion road maintenance backlog. Statistically, South Australia receives the lowest amount of Federal road funding out of all states, both on a per capita basis and per kilometre of road.”

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