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CHILDCARE ANNOUNCEMENTS RAISE MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP has questioned the State Labor Government's recent wave of election promises and announcements on childcare access across the electorate of Grey. While acknowledging that any investment in childcare is welcome, Mr Venning described the Premier's press stops in Kimba and Kadina as "old news" and "stopgap measures," noting that regional South Australia continues to have the lowest access to childcare in the nation and that much more work remains to be done.

Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP

"Access to early childhood education across Grey, and more broadly across rural and remote South Australia, remains the lowest in the nation."

"While recent announcements in Quorn, Kimba and Kadina are welcome, most of our communities are still being left behind. Where are the Premier's announcements for Port Broughton, Tumby Bay, Wilmington, Ardrossan, and Crystal Brook, or the countless other communities that can rely only on family for childcare?"

"There are so many towns in South Australia that require childcare facilities. The Premier's cherry picking of these locations, one of which had already been announced, is unfair for those communities who have missed out, and disappointing for the broader region."

"While I welcome any funding that benefits families in regional SA, particularly in the childcare space, the Premier's regional visit is largely a repackaging of old news."

"The Kadina centre was promised funding federally in April 2025. It is somewhat misleading for the Premier to present this as a recent State Labor initiative."

"Throughout his junket, the Premier has been taking credit for old news. The Port Augusta Green Cement Plant is case in point: this has been on the table since 2022."



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"The Kimba announcement lacks a new facility and staffing guarantees. While a welcome stopgap, the Premier failed to disclose the full reality of his plan."

"We need long-term planning to truly address the full width and breadth of the childcare desert, not just stopgap subsidies and pre-election visits."

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