



TOM VENNING MP

Member for Grey



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PREMIER PLAYING POLITICS WITH COUNTRY SA YET AGAIN

Tom Venning MP, Federal Member for Grey, has questioned the timing surrounding the State Labor Government's promise of \$90 million to address Horrocks Highway. While Mr Tom Venning MP welcomes the investment, he feels this announcement is far too late. In addition, Mr. Venning feels this promised funding follows a pattern of behaviour by the Premier, who is cherry picking old announcements and using them for regional votes.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP, Federal Member for Grey

"Any investment into our roads in Grey, particularly Horrocks Highway, is welcomed, but the question I have for the Premier is... where was this funding last year?"

"Instead of addressing the \$2.1 billion regional roads backlog the Premier is feathering the bed of Tony Piccolo, who is standing for the new seat of Ngadjuri (formerly Frome), where the Horrocks Highway is situated. This all seems very convenient."

"I wrote to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Emily Bourke in November last year, raising the very poor condition of this highway. My office received no response."

"This is one of many politically motivated election promises Premier Malinauskas has made in the last month across regional South Australia. These all rely on him being re-elected, and are all designed to try and bolster his Labor candidates hopes."

"Member for Frome Penny Pratt MP and I have been advocating for an investment into Horrocks Highway for some time, and I thank her for her tireless efforts."

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“Rural and regional South Australians deserve better than political election promises. This city-centric Labor Government seems to only take notice when it is election time.”

Quotes attributable to Penny Pratt MP, Member for Frome

“Over the past four years, locals have seen our roads go backwards while upgrades promised under the former Liberal Government have stalled under Labor.”

“Country motorists know the cost of Labor’s neglect, including five lives lost just last year.”

“Labor is now re-announcing old projects as new. At Sevenhill, preparatory work on the overtaking lane began in 2023, Stobie poles were moved and fence lines set back, yet three years later nothing has been delivered and my letters to the former Minister remain unanswered.”

“We won’t be held to ransom with last-minute promises or ultimatums. Regional South Australians deserve safe roads because it’s the right thing to do, not because of an election deadline.”

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