



TOM VENNING MP

Member for Grey



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VENNING LAUNCHES PETITION FOR CRITICAL DOPPLER RADAR ON LOWER EP

Tom Venning MP, Federal Member for Grey has launched a public petition demanding the Federal Government fund a critical Doppler radar for the Lower Eyre Peninsula. Despite being home to a world-class farming sector and the Southern Hemisphere's largest fishing fleet, the region currently sits in what Venning calls a dangerous weather "blind spot" at the extreme margins of the Ceduna and Adelaide radars, leaving local industries and emergency services without essential, real-time weather data.

Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP

"By signing this petition, you are telling the State and Federal Government that the Eyre Peninsula deserves the same level of coverage as the rest of Australia. Let's take the fight to Canberra and secure the infrastructure the Lower Eyre Peninsula deserves."

"Because the Lower Eyre Peninsula sits at the extreme outer margins of the nearest Bureau of Meteorology Doppler radars in Ceduna to the west and Adelaide to the east, the radar beams are too high in the atmosphere by the time they reach the Lower EP."

"It is incredibly frustrating that one of the most productive regions in Australia is forced to operate in a dangerous weather blind spot. While the BOM spent \$96.5 million on a new website, our farmers, fishers, and emergency services are left without the accurate, real-time data that a Doppler radar provides."

"We need a path forward. Member for Flinders, Sam Telfer MP, and the SA Liberal Party have committed \$5 million toward a new Doppler radar if elected this March, but they can't do this alone we need the Federal Government to step up and bridge the gap."

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