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**VENNING** MP  
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **FLOODED OUTBACK ROADS CRISIS UPDATE: URGENT FUNDING SUPPORT NEEDED**

Following torrential rains that delivered devastating flooding across regional and remote South Australia, Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP is calling for emergency government funding to repair collapsed infrastructure. Fresh from speaking about this in Parliament, Mr Venning has today flown straight from Canberra to inspect the damage in the Mid North around Orroroo-Carrieton, Flinders Rangers, Port Augusta and Northern Areas Council Areas. with an array of roads severely damaged and many closed. Mr Venning has also been in contact with local councils, calling for information to ensure that the most severely impacted areas receive attention.

With the State Government currently in caretaker mode, and local councils unable to shoulder the massive financial recovery burden alone, Mr Venning is demanding immediate intervention from both State and Federal authorities. He has formally contacted South Australian Infrastructure Minister Emily Bourke to seek clarity on immediate repair plans, and has secured a meeting with Federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King in Canberra to advocate for rapid, coordinated assistance and funding.

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

*"While this is welcome rain for many, it has had some major consequences. The scale of the damage is huge; Ministers and Government officials need to see this firsthand."*

*"Rural and remote South Australia's roads are collapsing, and this flooding just made a bad situation worse. Constituents like Tony Williams from Mount Barry Station have reported major road damage on Kempe Road, which is a vital agricultural route."*

*"The State Government is in caretaker mode, and local councils cannot do this alone. We can't wait any longer. Emergency funding and assistance are needed now to repair these vital freight and general transport routes before things get worse."*

*"I've spent this week fighting for our communities in Canberra, and next week I am taking this straight to the Federal Infrastructure Minister to demand action. We deserve safe and reliable roads. I will keep pushing to ensure recovery efforts are supported."*

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