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VENNING CALLS ON COMMUNITY TO REPORT RUBBISH ROADS

Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP has launched the 'Report a Rubbish Road' campaign to highlight the severe structural neglect of regional transport corridors and local roads.

Across Grey, the reports of dangerous and deteriorating roads are piling up, while the funding needed to fix them continues to fall short. Off the back of the federal road funding arrangements shifting from an 80:20 model down to a 50:50 split in 2023, state and local governments are suffering. This significant reduction has stalled vital infrastructure upgrades across our state, which received some of the lowest road funding per kilometre in the nation under the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grant program.

The road network in Grey has become harder and more expensive to maintain. Emergency disaster relief was secured to repair severe flood damage across the region earlier this year, however long-term investment remains low, and we are now seeing those same roads closed again after recent rain.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey

"With regional roads crumbling and funding being slashed, South Australians are being left to pick up the pieces."

"Canberra cut its share of regional road funding from 80 per cent to 50 per cent, and regional South Australians are now being left to drive on the consequences."

"Emergency disaster funding is welcome, but it isn't a long-term investment."

"We should not have to wait for our roads to be washed away before the Labor Government finds the money to fix them."

"Recent heavy rainfall across the network is exposing the consequences of years of neglect, with regional roads struggling to withstand extreme conditions."

"Two out of three people who die on country roads are country people, highlighting the urgent need to invest in safer, better-maintained regional roads."

"Road construction, such as Highway 1 between Lochiel and Port Wakefield, has been sub-par. This adds delay to commuters and industry, and due to the nature of the..."

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Alliance contracts, it is expected the taxpayer be in-part financially responsible for the significant and costly remake and repair works of the newly built dual carriage way."

"It is unacceptable that this government allows rubbish roads to be built, and the taxpayer is expected to fund the rebuild and repair works. Build them properly the first time."

"It is extraordinary that the Federal Member for Grey can be shut out of the South Australian Outback Roads Consultative Forum (SAORCF) while roads across the electorate continue to deteriorate. The people of Grey deserve a strong voice at the table."

"Applying pressure to government is critical, and that is exactly what this campaign is designed to do. To help me hold the government to account and highlight the worst offenders, I am asking everyone to please 'Report a Rubbish Road' by filling out the form on my website."

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