



**Regional bus services - Liberals' bus proposal picked up by Labor
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold predicts that the state government, in the near future, will match an Opposition promise to fully subsidise Port Lincoln's bus service.

This follows a recent announcement that the Mount Gambier bus service – previously jointly funded by the Mount Gambier Council and the government – will be fully funded by the government.

“I believe the government has no option but to pick up the Liberal proposal to fully fund regional bus services after its decision on Mount Gambier's bus service.

“It would look like pork barrelling in a Labor Minister's electorate if the same treatment is not given to Port Lincoln.”

Mrs Penfold congratulated Pat Lee and all the local people who supported the campaign to stand and fight the loss of yet another regional service under the state government's inequitable management.

She said the government's handling of the issue is yet another example of the Rann government's lack of commitment to rural and regional South Australia.

“The government's threats to withdraw its subsidies for country bus services went down like a lead balloon in country South Australia,” she said.

“Liberal Members shamed the government into subsidising the Mount Gambier bus service. We make no apology for fighting for services for rural and regional South Australia,” she said.

Mrs Penfold pointed out that the current state government is the highest taxing government in the State's history and is awash with funds, a large proportion of which comes from the GST. More than \$10 billion in taxes and other revenue will be collected this year.

**INCENTIVES FOR BUS SA PASSENGERS -
EYRE PENINSULA AND TOURIST REGIONS
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A new promotion by South Australia's country bus operators will increase tourism across the State's regional areas including the Eyre Peninsula.

Bus SA - the marketing alliance of SA's regional bus operators, the Bus and Coach Association and the State Government - is developing a new guide containing dozens of exclusive offers for country bus services including Eyre Peninsula Premier Stateliner passengers.

The special offer provide incentives for people to use Premier Stateliner Coaches and have been designed in conjunction with local accommodation providers.

As well as increasing patronage and boosting the viability of country bus services the offers also help to promote tourism in beautiful regions such as the Eyre Peninsula.

Member for Flinders, Liz Penfold says "the innovation is an opportunity for local people to see Eyre Peninsula from a different perspective".

"Taking on the role if a tourist could open up ideas and action for the betterment of our region" she said.

Announcing the new Out and About guide, Minister for Transport and Urban Planning, Diana Laidlaw said that the Eyre Peninsula provided a perfect example of how this campaign will work.

"Passengers can enjoy the beautiful hills and seascapes from the window of a Premier Stateliner Coach as they travel though the best of the Eyre Peninsula and Take advantage of generous discounts and packages of accommodation, meals and entertainment".

"Special offers and discounts are available at the Blue Seas Motel in Port Lincoln and Kimba Motel Caravan Park".

Ms Laidlaw said similar exclusive offers are available from Adelaide to a range of regions across South Australia.

"The initiative extends to the Barossa Valley, the Clare Valley and delightful Mid North townships, the State's spectacular coastline along the Eyre Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula, the hills and seascapes of the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Flinders Ranges, the Limestone Coast, the South East and Murraylands," Ms Laidlaw says.

"The offers are a great incentive to both locals and visitors to hop on board the regional bus services".

"The campaign is playing an important role in promoting regional transport, local buses and tourism" Ms Laidlaw says.

"I urge people to take advantage of the attractive offers in the guise both in the Eyre Peninsula and throughout the State and support our flourishing tourist industry," she added.

The Out and About campaign will be promoted in both regional and urban press and radio advertising.

Fifty thousand guides will be distributed containing vouchers for the exclusive offers and will be available from all participating businesses, the InfoCentre and by mail simply by calling the Passenger Transport Board InfoLine on 8210 1000.