



ROADS, SEALING

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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said that she is disappointed that the Labor Government has not given a commitment to support the continuation of the sealing of the remaining rural arterial roads on Eyre Peninsula.

This week in Parliament Mrs Penfold put a question to the Minister for Transport, Michael Wright.

“Will the Minister for Transport please advise the House whether the Labor Government will continue to allocate funding to complete the sealing of the Lock-Elliston road and other State unsealed arterial roads according to the timetable set by the previous Liberal Government? When I was elected 8½ years ago my electorate contained the two longest rural arterial roads in the state: Kimba-Cleve and Lock-Elliston. The Liberal government put in place a plan to seal all unsealed rural arterial roads in the state by 2004. This program is ahead of schedule. The Kimba-Cleve road has been sealed, with the last 15 kilometres of the Lock-Elliston road planned for 2002-03. Eyre Peninsula injects more than \$1 billion annually into the state’s economy and good roads are essential to cope with our increasing tourism and production.”

To which the Minister responded, “This issue is a part of our budget deliberations. These sorts of matters will be announced in the budget.”

“The Rann Government has clearly stated that social justice is at the forefront of their agenda. I believe road works are quite clearly an issue of social justice for people living and working in regional areas and I will be reminding the Government of their commitment to South Australians,” Mrs. Penfold said.

I encourage individuals and organisations in regional areas to highlight roads as a major issue for the health, safety and economic development of our regions by contacting the new Government with their concerns prior to the budget being announced in July this year.