



**PEDANTIC ACTIONS THREATEN EXPORT MARKETS
AND VIABILITY OF SMALL BUSINESSES
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold in parliament yesterday slammed the actions of Transport SA personnel who deliberately target road train operators.

In a speech to parliament Mrs. Penfold outlined the actions of officers who, rather than advise hauliers of the need for permits, instead booked them and held up operations for several days and caused significant unnecessary expenses.

“The Premier supports tripling South Australia’s exports by 2013 to \$25 billion, and yet when businesses are trying to fulfil obligations to get grain to a ship, bureaucracy raises its ugly head to make life as difficult as possible”, Mrs Penfold said.

A 300 metre stretch of dirt road, 160 kilometres west of Ceduna that leads to the Pintumba silos was controversially blocked last week, when Transport SA personnel realised that the road had not been gazetted for road trains. This is despite the road being travelled on by road trains for over 20 years without anyone realising the need for permits.

Farmers are enjoying a good season in a region that in many years is marginal. Export income means jobs and prosperity for all South Australians and yet this Government despite their rhetoric allows red tape and excessive paperwork to undermine our potential.

Mrs Penfold urged Transport SA, local police, local councils, transport operators and farmers to work together to ensure that safety and traffic requirements are complied with while meeting the practical demands of operating businesses in a complex world.