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MEDIA RELEASE

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No police for Minnipa continues

The Minnipa Police Station remains vacant following 18 months of SAPOL (South Australian Police) failing to provide that service.

Member for Flinders Peter Treloar has been informed by SAPOL, following a letter to the Police Minister sent late last year, that the vacant status remains - with no positions filled at this time.

“South Australia now has the highest number of police per capita in the country, yet there has been no increase in country policing in the last five years,” Mr Treloar said.

“The Liberal Party expect that an increase in police across the state should lead to an increase in police resources for our country regions.”

“I am disappointed that the Minnipa and districts residents have been left in limbo for so long.”

“Essentially, it means those living between Wudinna and Ceduna are without a permanent police presence, as Poochera and Wirrulla stations are also currently unmanned.”

“Many people have been asking questions of the future viability of their station for some time, without adequate explanation.”

“I believe 18 months is long enough to put your cards on the table, to either fill the role or set up a more permanent system to service nearby residents.”

The Police Minister has blamed a lack of suitable candidates to staff the full time equivalent positions at the Police Station.