

## **Hon David Speirs MP**

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### **Big boost for South Australia's regional coasts**

The Marshall Liberal Government will secure the state's vulnerable regional coastline with \$4 million in funding to help deal with erosion, flooding and sand drift.

The 2018-19 State Budget will deliver \$4 million over four years to regional coastal councils to help repair, restore and sustain their coastlines.

Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said South Australia's coastline is one of our most precious natural resources and the first defence against a changing climate.

"We are fortunate to have some amazing beaches in this state and it's important we do everything we can to protect them," Minister Speirs said.

"The \$4 million will help SA regional coastal communities address climate change risks on a local scale and contribute to better management and protection of South Australia's environment.

"This investment will build resilience and improve environmental outcomes in a practical way.

"Many of our state's regional coastal councils, community groups and businesses are already taking action to address the risk to their coastal areas, and these grants are to provide them with practical support."

Local Member for Flinders Peter Treloar said many regional coastlines were at risk of erosion, flooding and sand dune drift, which were being exacerbated by rising sea levels.

"Investment in our coastline will not only have significant environmental benefits but will boost our regional economies as well by attracting more visitors," Mr Treloar said.

"The funding can be used by councils to support the development of local coastal hazard adaptation strategies, the design and testing of new approaches to coastal protection, to build structures to protect the coastline, as well as partner with other businesses to develop innovative solutions for coastal management."

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