



**Frances  
Bedford**

*Independent State MP for Florey*

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FRANCES BEDFORD TO STAND AS INDEPENDENT  
IN FLOREY IN 2018 SA ELECTION**

Frances Bedford, the State MP for Florey, today announced her intention to run as an Independent candidate in the March state election.

Ms Bedford said, "The launch of the 2017 Australian Products Guide, which I have been producing since 2001, seems an appropriate time to make this announcement."

From the heart of her electorate, Ms Bedford said, "I have always supported locally made products, local businesses and local people - the foundation on which the core values I hold are based. I am motivated to run in my new-found circumstances by the strong support and encouragement I have received from the community I have been privileged to represent since 1997."

"My long-term campaigning with the community to ensure that quality health care remains available at the Modbury Hospital has also motivated my decision."

"The most important role of the State Government is to provide essential services, especially in health and education, better manage the cost of living and to create the right conditions for employment."

"These are the values and policies I worked for as an ALP member, but on too many occasions over the years I was outvoted and marginalised. While I always maintained party discipline, current local issues in Florey necessitate a more independent stance, especially in the more volatile contemporary political environment."

"I expect it to be a difficult contest, but I am prepared to take on the challenge because of my love and respect for the people of Florey and the wider north east, who I have come to know so well over the past 20 years."

"While there has been considerable speculation about my future as the Member for Florey, my primary consideration has always been, what is best for the electorate. Strong, independent representation from someone with a real-life perspective is what is needed now."

"So many people have made it clear they want me to continue fighting for Modbury Hospital, for the maintenance of public services and for policies that support local businesses and employment."

Frances will be launching the APG and handing out samples of great SA products from 10.45am on Friday, 1 December 2017

at the Valley View Foodland, Junction Shopping Centre  
corner Grand Junction & Nelson Roads, Valley View (not far from North East Road)