



**Frances  
Bedford**

*Independent State MP for Florey*

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Bedford Opposes Deregulation of Shop Trading Hours**

Frances Bedford (IND) State Member for Florey is committed to opposing further deregulation of shop trading hours in South Australia.

Ms Bedford supports SA Grown retail businesses, local jobs, and believes there is a need to preserve family time and public holidays.

She said, “Small business owners already work long hours, and they need reassurance that they’re not going to be forced to compete with multi-national companies.”

“We need to preserve jobs and choice for consumers, and we need to ensure that everyone is able to participate in family and community events and occasions.”

“Locally owned and managed shops provide unique products and services and are a vital element of every community.”

“I’ve produced a guide to local products for the past 16 years to encourage consumers to shop and buy locally wherever possible.”

She pledged to support the South Australian Independent Retailers’ Association opposition to deregulation.

With 236 supermarket outlets across SA employing 15,000 employees independent supermarkets have a 32% share of the market; the highest of any State and Territory.

**Ms Bedford will join Colin Shearing, Chief Executive of South Australia Independent Retailers at Drakes Clovercrest Foodland at 9:30am on Thursday December 14 to formally pledge her support and hand out copies of the Australian Products Guide.**