

## **Deep water port project must tick all the boxes**

The State Liberals have welcomed the major project status granted to Centrex Metals for construction of a deep water port near Sheep Hill and Lipson Cove.

Centrex Metals should be congratulated on their persistence in attracting investment for this project, Liberal Member for Flinders Peter Treloar said today.

“The Premier loves the fanfare of big announcements, but in reality, a lot of work has to be done by the government on the development processes before this project gets the green light.

“Granting major project status is an easy political point-scoring exercise for Rann Labor, with no actual State Government funding commitment for this port.

“This is yet another example of the Rann Labor Government’s habit of over-promising and under-delivering when it comes to important regional infrastructure.

“The approval of only 16 mines, which the Premier continually mentions, is actually an indictment on his government, not a badge of honour.

“The massive mining potential on the Eyre Peninsula has not been fully realised, and it shows that Rann Labor has been asleep at the wheel, whilst other states enjoy the huge benefits of a mining boom.

“The proposed port and future mining ventures on the Eyre Peninsula will provide real impetus to the regional economy.

“With the addition of a thriving the mining sector to the Eyre Peninsula’s economy, which already produces roughly 30 per cent of the State’s grain, and about 60 per cent of the State’s seafood, the region will become an even bigger part of the broader SA economy.”