



Portfolios for Penfold

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The Leader of the Liberal Opposition, Mr Iain Evans today announced the new Shadow Ministerial portfolios, giving Regional Development, Small Business and Consumer Affairs to Member for Flinders, Mrs. Liz Penfold.

Mrs. Penfold said that she was delighted with her new position and believed that these portfolios suited her background as a successful small business person from a regional area.

“Having started a small business, been in business myself, and having worked with small businesses in an accounting practice together with my involvement since being the Member for Flinders, I am well aware of the huge risks and responsibilities taken by small businesses.

“They often have to contend with laws and regulations that have been developed around big unions and big businesses that have the time and money to do substantial lobbying.

“I look forward to meeting with industry bodies who have identified the constraints that are holding their industries back from developing their full potential. Issues I see as essential include red tape that is too complicated, too much and too slow, lack of skilled tradespeople, and costs that are too high, payroll tax, stamp duty, freight etc.

“I will work with industries and business to address their issues so that they can prosper and employ more people and pay more taxes. Without profitable small businesses we will not have the money to employ more people or the funds to pay for all the things we want in life like good health services and good education services.

“Small business entrepreneurs and their valued employees are the very life blood of our State. From small businesses big businesses grow and from their employees come the next generation of people who are willing to take the risks and responsibilities of running their own business,” she said

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