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The Hon. Robert Brokenshire

PEOPLE BEFORE POWER IF THEY WANT MY SUPPORT: Brokenshire

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New FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshire – who was sworn in at State Parliament this morning - has warned the Labor and Liberal parties that if they want his support, they will need to put people and families ahead of power, and pursue real solutions for issues confronting South Australians.

Mr Brokenshire was critical of the growing power-hungry mentality he has witnessed, where securing power and keeping powerbrokers happy too often comes ahead of good ideas and solutions to benefit all South Australians.

Mr Brokenshire's appointment comes the same morning as the Rann Government cabinet reshuffle, about which Mr Brokenshire expressed disappointment - "This was an opportunity for bringing new ideas and energy into cabinet, unfortunately what we've seen is the factions taking command and South Australian families will be worse off for the missed opportunity for a serious reshuffle"

Mr Brokenshire is a former Police, Correctional Services, Emergency Services, Gambling and Volunteers Minister and Shadow Minister for Police, Gambling, Health and the Southern Suburbs. He was a member of the House of Assembly for 13 years from 1993 to 2006 and switched to FAMILY FIRST in 2007, running in the Federal Election for Australia's most marginal seat of Kingston.

Mr Brokenshire is a Mt Compass dairy farmer currently experiencing the drought and understands the challenges facing the rural community. Mr Brokenshire is married with three children. Mr Brokenshire indicated that he would be outlining his priorities as a FAMILY FIRST Member of Legislative Council in the coming weeks, including:

- Water security;
- Climate change;
- Focus on sustainable agriculture;
- Wasted opportunities at a time of record tax revenue;
- Serious lack of infrastructure;
- The lack of family impact and regional impact statements in cabinet submissions; and
- Genuine Social Inclusion initiatives.

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