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Labor says all SA regions combined are worth less than one Sydney rugby club

If Labor's latest Regional Development grants are a guide, then it appears Labor values all SA regions combined as less than equal to a single rugby club in Penrith, Sydney.

"This is a shocking insight into how federal and state Labor undervalues SA," said Shadow Minister for Economic and Regional Development Martin Hamilton-Smith.

"Of the 54 projects seeking funding from SA only four were granted, totaling \$10.4 million from Round 4 of the Regional Development Australia Fund.

"From the same fund, federal Labor approved \$12 million for the Penrith Rugby League club for a new sports facility, \$10 million for a new aquatic and leisure centre in Melbourne and a further \$10 million for the Fremantle Dockers Football Club for a new sport and recreation facility.

"This values the sum total of any city, town and region in SA at less than or equal to single projects in marginal electorates in capital cities elsewhere.

"Adelaide received nothing despite 21 applications from councils and organisations across the metropolitan area.

"The four SA projects which were funded included an aquatic centre within the city of Victor Harbor, a wharf at Port MacDonnell, a coastal trail at Elliston and a walking trail on the Yorke Peninsula.

"The 50 SA projects that have been left on the scrap heap ranged across the state from the South East to the West Coast and Far North (see list attached).

"Did Premier Weatherill argue for SA as this funding was being decided? What representation if any was made? We need a state government that fights for the regions.

"It is clear that federal Labor has forgotten SA and that state Labor has forgotten how to stand up for our state, preferring instead to tow the party line.

"Labor has failed SA and every region within it. This round of Regional Development Australia funding confirms it," said Mr Hamilton-Smith.

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50 SA projects left on the scrap heap

1. Betty Sickles' Legacy
2. Kangaroo Island Council Island Energy
3. The Goolwa Wharf Precinct Redevelopment Project
4. Strathalbyn Racing Club All Weather Training Track
5. Penfield Intermodal Export Freight Precinct
6. Girl Guides SA Inc. Douglas Scrub Redevelopment including New International Village
7. The Accessible Rehabilitation and Aquatic Therapy Centre
8. State Bowls Centre
9. Campbelltown Sports, Culture and Community Hub
10. St Clair Recreation Centre Upgrade
11. Kauri Parade Sporting and Community Precinct
12. Aldinga District Centre Development
13. Playford Community Recreation and Sporting Precinct
14. The Parks Junior Soccer Pitches
15. City of Tea Tree Gully Northern Adelaide Regional Cycleway
16. Adelaide Wireless Network Infrastructure
17. State Diamond Sports Centre
18. New Best Practice for E-waste, Polystyrene & Online Sales, Creating Methodology and Employment for Sustainable Communities
19. Kura Yerlo Inc. Community Centre
20. Norwood Sports to Community Centre
21. Thebarton Oval Function Room and Change Room Facilities Redevelopment
22. Service to Youth Council – Six Stories
23. Southern Sports Complex — Regional Community Sporting Hub Stage 1
24. Reenergising the West Beach Coast
25. The Redevelopment of the Salvation Army Ingle Farm Premises
26. Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme
27. Gawler Showgrounds Community Sporting Hub
28. Delivery of Passenger Rail Services in Support of the Roseworthy Garden Town Development
29. Gawler Connect—Arts and Cultural Hub
30. Barossa Regional Cultural Hub
31. South Australian Regions International Culinary Centre
32. The Friendly Grocer
33. Upgrade of Pipalatjara Community Skills Training Centre
34. Mount Gambier City Centre Revitalisation
35. Naracoorte Regional Community Services Centre
36. Orana Disability Employment Centre
37. Mindarie Connect
38. Revitalisation of the Murray Bridge Town Centre Bridge and Sixth Street
39. Murray Bridge Racing Club Function Centre
40. Murraylands Dry Dock
41. "Circuit SA" and Associated Infrastructure
42. Ngarrindjeri Community Hub
43. Murray-Darling Basin Interpretive and Resource Centre
44. Whyalla Middleback Theatre Refurbishment
45. Thevenard Marine Offloading Facility
46. Flinders Highway 'Safer Communities'
47. Port Pirie City Centre Regeneration
48. Burra Cultural Heritage and Recreational Precinct
49. Hutt River Linear Park
50. Balaklava Community Care Hub

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