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Govt neglects country SA to pay for rock concert

Premier Weatherill has completely lost touch with regional South Australia, says Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Member for Stuart.

The Weatherill Labor Government claims it has paid \$450,000 to have The Rolling Stones play in Adelaide. However industry sources have told the State Liberals this figure is closer to \$1 million.

"It's outrageous that Labor is giving SA taxpayers' money to a British rock band while cutting more than \$10 million and 120 staff from Primary Industries, the backbone of the State's economy," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

"Labor has slashed spending on primary industries by almost \$80 million since it was elected in 2002.

"The Weatherill Labor Government doesn't care about country people. It doesn't care about rural industries or the contribution food production makes to the economy and to exports.

"The money that Labor is giving to The Rolling Stones could have made a significant contribution to improving country roads, hospitals, schools, or other services.

"It could have been spent keeping some of Australia's finest scientists and researchers at SARDI, rather than slashing staff and research and development capacity in this year's State Budget.

"The Weatherill Labor Government has got its priorities all wrong," said Mr van Holst Pellekaan.

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