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## **Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP**

Member for Stuart

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### **Tom Kruse MBE**

Liberal Member for Stuart, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, has called on the Premier to offer a State Funeral for Tom Kruse who died peacefully at age 96 yesterday.

“Tom Kruse MBE was a down to earth man who made an enormous contribution to outback South Australia.

“The service he provided to the Birdsville Track region from 1936 until 1963 will never be matched again.

“Both as an employee and later running his own business, Tom Kruse delivered supplies, mail, local information, company and good cheer to some of the most remote homes in Australia.

“He was awarded an MBE, Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, by the Queen in 1955 in recognition of his services to the people of the Outback.

“Our State should now acknowledge his passing and show our respect and gratitude to him in the most appropriate way possible - a State Funeral.

“Tom Kruse is undeniably an Australian legend – he and his family deserve the very best that our State can offer.”

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