

# News Release **Minister Tony Piccolo**

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## Building a stronger Emergency Services Sector

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has commenced a series of roundtable discussions with volunteers and paid workers involved in the Emergency Services Sector.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Tony Piccolo said that the roundtables were part of the process of responding to the Holloway Review into the *Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2005*, and to ensure the emergency service sector is properly resourced to meet future challenges.

“The first three regional roundtables have been completed in the Riverland, Port Augusta and Clare with more to come,” Mr Piccolo said.

“They were very productive and resulted in some key principles that will guide any future reform process.

“We have had over 200 people attend so far and the level of engagement to date has been excellent.”

The roundtables have provided a forum to discuss ways to build upon the existing positive working relationships between the CFS, SES and MFS and the high level of services they deliver to our community.

Mr Piccolo said a number of structural reforms have also been suggested by participants but at this point in time no decisions have been made.

“This will evolve as further discussions are progressed, in particular with those people providing services on the ground at brigade, unit and station level,” he said.

Ideas for improvement will be discussed and refined through a series of regional visits with key members of the Sector through June to early August.

**Editor’s note:** A communiqué, including dates and locations of future roundtables, will be issued this week and will be available on the SAFECOM website ([www.safecom.sa.gov.au](http://www.safecom.sa.gov.au)).

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