

# Advocate

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## Impressive Kyle

Whether he is competing on the golf course or making an address inside Parliament House, Streaky Bay teenager Kyle Feltus continues to make an impression across his chosen fields of interest. Recently, the 17-year-old was invited to speak at South Australia's annual Teen Parliament event, where he advocated to the state's leaders for a nuclear solution to Australia's energy future. Such was the eloquence of Kyle's debate that he was one of 10 students from across SA to be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship toward higher education, presented by BHP president for copper in South Australia Anna Wiley. The current Streaky Bay Area School school captain, who has always maintained an interest in politics, said the event had lit a fire in him.

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# JETTY STALEMATE

**CHARLOTTE MARTIN**

There is uncertainty as to how Tumby Bay District Council will fulfil what the state government says are its contractual obligations to get the Tumby Bay jetty up to standard, before handing it back at the end of the lease in June 2026.

The decision was recently made to reject the state government's \$2.4 million co-contribution to fix the jetty following advice of a prudential report and two community consul-

tation surveys.

That \$2.4 million contribution was also provisional of the council renewing the lease for both the Tumby Bay and Port Neill jetties, which are state government-owned assets.

Tumby Bay council ratepayer Robert Randall has kept a close eye on the proceedings, often attending council meetings and assisting to facilitate community discussions on the matter.

He said there was a lack of information given to the public from the council in the sur-

veys, where community members were given the option to vote 'Yes' - to increase rates and assist in payments toward the jetties - or 'No' - to not increase rates and hand the jetties back.

"The survey form gave no indication of a \$4.7m requirement if a 'No' vote was made," he said.

"I still believe that the offer of \$2.4m from the minister should be accepted and with council's \$2.4m the jetty can be reinstated for the full length.

"A \$2.4m expenditure will have a much less

impact on ratepayers than a \$4.7m payment to hand the jetty back."

Infrastructure Minister Tom Koutsantonis said on ABC radio after the council's decision that when the council took on the lease of the jetty it agreed to maintain it, which it had not done.

He said he would expect the state government to receive the jetties back in their required state.

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**STREAKY SOUNDS 25 MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**THE CAT EMPIRE**  
 \*THE TULLAMARINES  
 REVEL \*AUDIO REIGN  
 LAMINATED KITCHEN \*CHICKEN SALT  
 AMUNDSENS FLAG \*DJ TAIJYYY  
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GATES OPEN 12.30PM  
 MARCH 9TH 2025  
 STREAKY BAY OVAL