



Amanda Rishworth MP

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Protect Southern Businesses this Christmas

Amanda Rishworth, Federal Member for Kingston is urging locals to 'buy local' this Christmas.

"Supporting Southern Adelaide businesses is more important than ever this season," Ms Rishworth MP said.

Payments started flowing to eligible local families and pensioners from 8 December 2008 as part of the Rudd Government's \$10.4b Economic Security Strategy.

Ms Rishworth MP said the Economic Security Strategy would deliver direct payments of \$1400 for single pensioners and carers, \$2100 for pensioner couples, and \$1000 per child for families on Family Tax Benefit A

"It is important that local residents spend the once off payment wisely, spend it locally – buy a turkey from the local butcher, school books from the local newsagent, or a camera from the local electrical store."

"Our entire local economy will be bolstered because of the additional money being spent locally at shops and other businesses in Southern Adelaide.

The decisive action taken by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Treasurer Wayne Swan will provide relief for families and pensioners and strengthen the economy.

"These payments are targeted towards pensioners and others in Southern Adelaide who are doing it the hardest, and towards the parts of our economy that need it most," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"There are around 27,700 pensioners and carers, and 15,420 families in Kingston that will benefit directly from these payments.