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### **FOOD, POWER AND TOURISM FIRST ON KI AUTHORITY'S AGENDA**

The advisory board of the Kangaroo Island Future Authority (KIFA) has set its first priorities for action.

The board, led by Raymond Spencer, the chair of the Economic Development Board, decided at this week's inaugural meeting to focus its first efforts on:

- Enhancing the Kangaroo Island food brand.
- Developing experience-based tourism opportunities.
- A renewed approach to ensuring the island's power supply.
- A review of the island's planning policies.

Mr Spencer said the meeting was an exciting landmark for the authority, with board members enthusiastic about what could be achieved.

"I'm encouraged by the unprecedented multi-agency support by Government for this initiative, and the skills brought to the task by the new board members," Mr Spencer said.

The board will report to Deputy Premier John Rau, who said he was delighted to be able to work with the members to build the island's economy and infrastructure.

"The board's first agenda is not an exhaustive list, but represents the first of many steps to be taken by KIFA to develop the island's enormous potential," Mr Rau said.

The board is advised by the Chief Executive of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The board also decided to bring in, as advisers, representatives of two new departments of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy, and Primary Industries and Regions.

The authority will soon be advertising for a General Manager to run its day-to-day activities.

The advisory board's membership includes Jayne Bates, Mayor of Kangaroo Island, Craig Wickham, co-owner of tour company Exceptional Kangaroo Island, Justin Harman, Food Industry Development Officer, Good Food Kangaroo Island, and Jane Jeffries, Chair of both the SA Tourism Commission and the Adelaide Convention Centre Corporation Board.