



SA population growth

The Australian Population Institute of South Australia incorporated last week released figures showing South Australia's population had grown to more than 1.5 million people, an increase of 0.8 percent compared to the number of people living in the state last year.

APISA chairman Michael Hickinbotham said this was good news for Adelaide and South Australia because there was a need for responsible and sustainable population growth in order to survive.

Mr Hickinbotham said while the population had grown, unfortunately a total of 2700 South Australians had moved interstate, proving that more needed to be done to ensure South Australia's net migration level was reduced.

Mr Hickinbotham said sustainable population growth would maintain the critical mass of people and would maintain the lifestyle that South Australians love, and he understood that young people would always want to travel and want the interstate experience, but it was important to encourage them to return home to benefit SA.