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South Australia has, for many years, looked on Broken Hill as its adopted city, because while it is outside our State's border it still has strong ties with us.

It has a number of important economic links with South Australia. It is connected to Adelaide by regular road, rail and air services, and is rapidly becoming a popular stop-over for South Australians travelling to NSW or Queensland.

But while South Australians are only just starting to realise Broken Hill's tourist potential, people from Broken Hill have been enjoying SA's attractions for a long time.

And in fact, their annual Christmas holiday pilgrimage to Adelaide's beach resorts has become an important part of the State's tourism.

Recently however, people from Broken Hill have been venturing further afield in search of new South Australian resorts, and I am pleased they are doing so because South Australia has a number of things to offer tourists that no other State can. When people come to South Australia we are able to show them things that are uniquely South Australian.

On Kangaroo Island, for example, there are many "special" attractions, such as Seal Bay, where holiday-makers can frolic in the surf with the seals.

The Island's fishing grounds are among Australia's best, and its natural beaches provide towering surf.

Accommodation is first class, and in fact two major motel extensions have been opened on the Island during the last month. Adelaide's South Coast beaches, Moana, Willunga, Victor Harbor and Goolwa, are also gaining importance as family holiday spots. House boat cruises along the Murray River are becoming an increasingly popular way to spend a quiet, relaxed holiday, and many river towns have their own fleets of house-boats.

Two already uniquely South Australian attractions are the Schutzenfest and the Barossa Valley Vintage Festival, which are unlike anything found in the Eastern States.

And, of course, there is the Adelaide Festival of Arts, which already attracts a number of people from Broken Hill.

Early Adelaide architecture, especially in North Adelaide, is justifiably famous throughout Australia and is an important part of our heritage as well as a tourist asset.

The Coorong has long been neglected by tourists, but it has a unique beauty, and this long, narrow lagoon is becoming very popular with naturalists.

Overall, South Australia's tourist industry has a bright future, and as Minister of Development, which includes tourism, I invite the people of Broken Hill to share in this future by continuing to make SA their vacation centre.