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Links between Broken Hill and the West Darling and the State of South Australia have always been close, and, happily, not confined to industrial and commercial ties.

We look forward each summer to the annual "migration" from Broken Hill when workers and their families bring their families to Adelaide and our coastal resorts for their holidays.

The traffic is not one-way: increasing numbers of South Australians are visiting Broken Hill.

These ties go back a long way. At the time of the founding of Broken Hill, South Australia provided the first miners, the first ore was shipped through this State.

Before then, the Murray-Darling system in the last century provided the first links as paddle steamers travelled back and forth with supplies and wool.

The recent completion of the standard gauge rail link between Broken Hill and Port Pirie is a further development of this historical pattern of inter-dependence.

In recent years Broken Hill has become even orientated towards Adelaide with business contacts between the two cities and we look to this, too, increasing in the future.

These extend through tourist services, mining research, motor vehicles, household appliances, wine and television.

I know I speak for all South Australians when I say that these ties are greatly appreciated on our part and we welcome the opportunity to be host to the people of Broken Hill.

My Government will continue its policy of expanding these links and of providing as wide a range of goods and services as we can.

This annual feature in the Barrier Miner - itself through its affiliation with the News in Adelaide a further illustration of our links - provides me with a welcome opportunity to say thank you and welcome.