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Talking justice reform in the Riverland

Attorney-General John Rau will host a morning tea at the Berri Magistrates Court tomorrow morning with people from the justice sector across the Riverland to discuss the issue of justice reform.

“Earlier this year the conversation began about the need to reform South Australia’s justice sector,” Mr Rau said.

“We need to look at where we are at now, where we strive to be, and the action needed in order to hit that benchmark.

“To get this ball rolling, however, will require input from across the sector, including the regions.”

Mr Rau and Attorney-General’s Department Chief Executive Rick Persse, will bring together judicial and court officers from the Berri Magistrates Court, representatives of the Riverland Community Legal Centre, the Riverland Victim Support Service and local legal practitioners to discuss these matters.

“I have made my views clear that our justice system needs to be accessible, fair, efficient and citizen focused,” he said.

“We have already taken some steps in that direction including the formation of the Criminal Justice Reform Council, and the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which is set to open at the end of this year.

“This as an opportunity to hear the views of others within the sector.

“I am hoping to gain some insight into justice issues that are specifically faced by the Riverland region.

“But more importantly I want to hear ideas on how to address these issues, identify opportunities, and discuss how this may fit in with the reform of the entire sector to create a more effective system for the community and those who operate it.”