

## SSTUWA welcomes GROH boost



The SSTUWA has welcomed the Premier's announcement on increased funding for Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH).

"The shortage of modern, secure GROH in regional WA has long been identified by the union as a significant factor in deterring members from taking opportunities in country areas," union president Matt Jarman said.

"This has applied across Western Australia."

Mr Jarman referred to the SSTUWA's pre-state election publication in relation to GROH.

"The SSTUWA identified the need for more GROH, a central coordination authority operating with agreed equitable principles, an independent review of the tenant rent setting framework policy, a reduction in GROH charges, mandatory inclusion in builds of security features, and a review maintenance safety and security standards," he said.

"The Premier's announcement is a most welcome first step in increasing the availability of GROH and ensuring the system is run properly, addressing a key issue facing rural public education."