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Australia Votes: *AM* on the Road

Monday to Friday (May 30 to June 3) – after the 7am news on RN and from 8am on ABC Local Radio

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All next week, ABC's **AM** radio program is on the road.

Presenter **Michael Brissenden** will travel through electorates in South Australia and Tasmania to meet the residents and the candidates and our *AM* team of reporters will be investigating the key community issues that matter to voters in these areas.

Here's where the team will be each day next week:

Monday May 30 - Whyalla SA

How will the election focus on jobs and growth affect Whyalla? Facing an uncertain future with the steelworks under administration, what is the latest on the political wrangling over Arrium? We'll talk to ex workers and community groups about the future of the town, as well as take a look at diversifying the "iron triangle". ABC North and West (Port Pirie) Breakfast Show will also be broadcasting nearby.

Tuesday May 31 - Elizabeth SA

With the closure of the Holden plant, what does the future hold for Adelaide's Northern suburbs? Industry Minister **Christopher Pyne** will join us as our guest. *AM* reporter, Michael Edwards looks at what new industries are taking shape and talks to a former automaker who now builds bikes. Natalie Whiting follows Port Power team members as they mentor and motivate disengaged students in Adelaide's North.

Wednesday June 1 - Mt Barker SA

The electorate of Mayo has only had two members: Alexander Downer and Jamie Briggs. Could a Xenophon candidate become the third? **Independent Senator Nick Xenophon** will be our guest. Natalie Whiting profiles the seat and the main contenders. What are the issues that are driving the rise in popularity of Xenophon candidates? Also, what's happening in the fine food export industry?

Thursday June 2 - George Town TAS

Sitting on the Tamar River, George Town has a long history supporting local industry. But jobs are now scarce. Can eco and food tourism provide a path forward? *AM* speaks to local community members about the issues affecting them and finds out what they hoping for this election. *AM* reporter Felicity Ogilvie investigates a stoush going on in the mountain bike trails at Derby – a town being revitalised by tourism after the forest industry has collapsed. Some locals have been opposing forestry logging near the trails.

Friday June 3 - Burnie TAS

While the electorate of Braddon is mostly agricultural, the population centre of Burnie is grappling with high unemployment and increasing levels of poverty. What's needed

to give Burnie a boost? **Senator Jacquie Lambie** will be our guest. Michael Edwards looks at how the demands on charities are climbing as residents find it more difficult to get by. Felicity Ogilvie investigates how Tasmania was chosen as one of the first places in the country to get the NBN but a Burnie Software company is still waiting. The internet bill for the business will drop by \$30,000/year with the NBN. On the west coast, the NBN service will now be delivered via satellite and locals are not pleased.

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And remember, *Vote Compass* is back for the 2016 Federal Election, exclusive to the ABC. Go to abc.net.au/votecompass to find out where you stand and how your views compare to those of the major political parties in this election.

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