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The Chief Minister Marshall Perron will launch a campaign in Adelaide this week to have the transcontinental north-south railroad made a matter of national priority for 1993.

Mr Perron said today he was seeking the support of all political parties because completing the link between Adelaide and Darwin was in the interest of the whole nation.

He said he was seeking the support of South Australian politicians, both Government and Opposition, businessmen and unionists.

"We want to encourage all candidates in the Federal election to badger their leaders for a commitment to this project," he said in Alice Springs today.

He said the campaign was well-timed in that it was seeking to have both parties include the railroad, a vital link with Asia in the material they produce to woo the electorate.

He said that special information kits setting out the case for the railroad had already been sent to all South Australian Federal MPs and prospective candidates for the next election.

Mr Perron will be meeting a number of senior politicians in Adelaide tomorrow including the South Australian Premier, Mr Lynn Arnold. On Friday he will be making a keynote speech to a luncheon organised by the Chamber of Commerce in Adelaide.

Mr Perron said that he was beginning the campaign in Adelaide because the people of South Australia had long dreamt of creating a north-south link.
"They have a right to the railroad because they were promised it by successive Federal Governments since they ceded the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth in 1907," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the issue was not one where either side of politics should be trying to score points. "We are seeking bi-partisan support for the rail link. We already have the enthusiastic support of many in the business community and unions."

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