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Community announcement

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Bedford in Port Lincoln wants vandals to stop

South Australia's most diverse provider of services to people with disability Bedford has notified police following a series of recent vandalism incidents at its Port Lincoln farm; the latest on Monday night.

Bedford decided to bring this to the police and community's attention after a number of minor sabotage events began to negatively impact the farm's business operation and welfare of the animals.

"The vandalism started as nuisance events like short-circuiting the electric fence and allowing sheep to escape," Bedford Regional Manager Rod Sandercock said.

"Another incident involved stealing the bungs out of all the drinking troughs in the sheep paddocks and bending the float valves so the water couldn't run. This was a serious welfare issue for our livestock so we notified police."

Bedford delivers vital services to people with disability on the West Coast including a Day Options Programme involving recreational, leisure and developmental activities.

Bedford also provides employment for people with disability at its local farm which supplies barn laid eggs to retail outlets, hotels and restaurants across the Eyre Peninsula.

"We are taking the necessary steps to prevent any further vandalism and are confident the police will resolve the issue. We also ask community members for their support if they have seen or heard anything," he said.

"It's important Bedford Farm runs smoothly so we can meet our supply deadlines to clients and continue to provide meaningful life skills and employment opportunities to people with disability."

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