

Creating Jobs

A Marshall Liberal Government will back business so it can invest in our state with certainty, develop new and innovative products and services, increase export potential to drive sales and opportunities, and create real and lasting jobs. That's why we will undertake the following measures.

Regional Growth Fund

We will create jobs and unlock new economic activity in our regions by investing in the Regional Growth Fund, a 10-year, \$150 million program.

This fund will support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, creating jobs, growing export opportunities and strengthening regional communities.

New trade offices

We will provide exporters with improved access to overseas markets by opening up new trade offices in Japan, Malaysia, Dubai and the United States.

This will be part of a comprehensive policy to boost South Australia's international trade and support our exporters.

This will support growth in production at home, creating jobs and prosperity across regional South Australia.

Opening up our reservoirs

We will boost tourism in regional areas through our plan to open up a number of South Australia's reservoirs for recreational activities.

This change will provide a much needed boost to regional tourism offerings, as well as providing local communities with greater opportunities to make use of these public assets.

Economic advice and support

We will ensure Regional Development Australia boards are able to continue providing vital advice and support on the economic development of each region by providing \$3 million in annual funding.

Under this arrangement, each board will be required to submit a four-year business plan which will encourage boards to undertake work on a wider range of cross-regional issues and economic development projects.

Supporting farmers

We will give farmers support to grow their business by waiving stamp duties charged on multi-peril crop insurance policies.

This will enable South Australian farmers to manage risks, plant more crops and target higher yields.

This will be great news for South Australia's economy and exports and enable South Australia to capitalise on our world-renowned primary industries sector, in which we have a significant competitive advantage.

Farm debt mediation

We will support farmers experiencing financial hardship by enforcing a mandated mediation process, avoiding banks foreclosing on farming operations prematurely.

This process will be mediated by the Small Business Commissioner, increasing the likelihood that the dispute can be resolved without farming operations being foreclosed upon.

Review of marine parks

We will undertake a science-based review of our network of marine parks, ensuring that a successful balance is struck between economic development and environmental preservation.

Protecting the livestock industry

We will protect the state's \$4.7 billion livestock industry by providing funding to employ two wild dog trappers.

These trappers will particularly help South Australia's 7,000 sheep, lamb and wool producers, which farm 11 million sheep, producing output valued at almost \$500 million.

They will also help prevent these vicious dogs from heading further south into the Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills.

