

Delivering Frontline Services

For too long, this city-centric Weatherill Government has neglected health, education and community safety and justice in regional areas. Our priority is making sure South Australians across the state have access to the services they need, when and where they need them. That's why we will undertake the following measures.

Investing in country health

We will fix the backlog of capital works requirements in country hospitals by urgently addressing high risk repairs and maintenance jobs, implementing a country capital renewal strategy, and ensuring money raised in communities is spent in those communities. We will also allow hospitals to retain part of any private patient revenue.

Drug rehabilitation

We will pilot a community-based rehabilitation program in the Riverland to address the scourge of drugs in our regional communities.

This program will treat some of the most vulnerable members of our community through intensive outpatient addiction recovery programs supported by inpatient rapid detox beds.

Reinstating community legal services

We will ensure people in the Riverland, Mallee and Mid Murray will be able to access in-person community legal services when they most need them by reinstating a full-time, on-the-ground, legal community service in the Riverland.

Regional Health Boards

We will strengthen country health services through local decision making by new regional health boards.

Each board will be responsible for managing the budget and services within the local area, and will actively engage with the community and frontline health professionals.

Winning the war on drugs

We will introduce a suite of measures to stop the scourge of drugs in our communities including new rehabilitation beds, mandated youth drug treatment, limiting drug diversions, and abuse prevention programs for all school children.

Literacy and dyslexia support

We will improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students across South Australia through our Literacy Guarantee: a comprehensive program including specialised literacy coaches, free dyslexia workshops for parents (including in dozens of regional centres not currently serviced), extra support for school breakfast programs and a range of other measures which will help all students, particularly those with dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

Yorke town Hospital

We will support access to surgical procedures in the southern Yorke Peninsula by funding urgently needed capital works at the Yorketown Hospital.

Preventative health

We will support community-wide preventative health initiatives by investing \$1 million over four years to fund projects in regional areas.

Effective prevention requires dedicated long-term action in many areas of our community and we will invest in prevention by providing grants of up to \$50,000 towards projects that have measurable and immediate health and welfare benefits for the regional communities.

Entrepreneurial schools

We will prepare our children for the jobs of the future by developing specialist entrepreneurial programs in two regional schools which will be in addition to new business and entrepreneurial-focused SACE subjects which will be available in all schools in South Australia.

Mt Gambier renal dialysis services

We will improve the quality of care for patients undergoing renal dialysis in the state's South East by upgrading and expanding the facilities available.

