2036 WILL MARK SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S BICENTENARY.

Obviously, we have much to be proud of and grateful for, but I think most South Australians feel things could be a lot better. Where we once led the nation, we now follow. We need to reclaim our greatness.

2036 is more than just a date, it’s a destination. A destination of hope and prosperity for South Australians, where we can have the life we want in the State we love. A destination where we can provide a better future for our children. A destination where our economy encourages opportunity and rewards effort and risk. A destination where possibility is available to all, not just a few.

That vision of 2036 inspires and excites me. However I’m not waiting until the election in 2018. Planning and delivering on the vision of 2036 must start now. And from our end it has.

In the lead up to the State election we will deliver a clear, consultative and responsible pathway to recovery and success.

This is the first step in our plan for a better South Australia. Please read it, talk about it with your friends and family.

Or, talk to me.

I am Steven Marshall - Leader of the State Liberals.

2036 STARTS NOW.
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GROWING OUR ECONOMY
SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEEDS A COMPETITIVE, DYNAMIC ECONOMY THAT PROVIDES NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES, FOSTERS ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND STRENGTHENS THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE.

1.0

We Believe

- You deserve every opportunity to have a stable job in a growing economy
- Having a secure job or small business in a productive and competitive industry is key to our future confidence
- Growing South Australia’s competitive advantage in a range of industries means new opportunities for growth and jobs
- We must foster and encourage South Australia’s entrepreneurial spirit to ensure individuals and businesses benefit from innovation
- The prosperity of the State demands vibrant and productive regional communities
- Every individual and business should have the opportunity to improve their prosperity, regardless of size, physical location or their industry
- Government should support small business as the backbone of our economy
- The role of Government is to create the right environment to allow businesses to grow

How we will achieve this together

1.1 Reducing the tax burden on South Australian businesses and households to ease employment costs and relieve household budgets
1.2 Cutting red tape and unnecessary regulation that inhibit growth, allowing businesses to focus on creating more jobs
1.3 Investing in programs to increase export potential of businesses to drive sales and opportunities
1.4 Fostering entrepreneurialism by supporting the efforts of individuals and businesses in taking up and commercialising new innovations and technologies
1.5 Investing in productive infrastructure that drives the expansion of existing industries and unlocks new opportunities in the industries of the future
1.6 Unlocking the resources and production of our regional areas and ensuring growth opportunities for regional businesses and industries
The State Liberals will take control of our State’s economic future. We will reduce unnecessary taxes and government waste to put money back in your pocket and ensure that industry and businesses are encouraged to diversify and employ more people. We need South Australian industries free from unnecessary taxation so they can be empowered to create real, long term jobs.

As South Australians we all love our home state. We choose to live and raise our families here because the quality of life is better than other states in Australia. Our weak economy, however, is taking a heavy toll on our employment rate and driving jobs interstate – threatening the livelihood we have built in South Australia. None of us want to see our children leave South Australia because there are no jobs.

Small business is one of the biggest employers in the State and the engine room of our economy. We believe that by reducing the tax burden on business owners we will assist them to alleviate cost pressures, allowing them to grow, diversify and employ more people. Government should not stand in the way of small business. We will create the environment needed to help grow businesses and create jobs.

We will focus on reducing the taxes and levies which:

• Will enable employers to create more jobs
• Stop unfairly shifting costs from government to families and households
• Reduce the cost of transactions that discourage investment
• Support businesses investing in new innovation and expanding their capacity
• Enhance efficiencies in service delivery

While we all understand that revenue is necessary to fund services and build new infrastructure, excessive taxes can create a burden for businesses and the family budget. Poorly designed tax systems harm the economy, discourage workforce participation and drive jobs interstate.

Our changes to South Australia’s tax system will improve the competitiveness of South Australian businesses and will encourage business owners and entrepreneurs to invest in new ideas and innovation. This will support the creation of new jobs and opportunities for South Australia’s next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators, while also supporting our skilled workers in traditional industries. It will also encourage our talented young people to stay in South Australia and start their businesses here, rather than moving interstate or overseas.

Our reforms will also relieve the strain on family budgets by reducing key taxes and levies which impact households, putting money back in your pocket to spend in your local community or save for the future.

Government spending at all levels needs to be prudent and efficient to avoid the need to collect any more tax than necessary. Taxes should raise the necessary revenue to run our State in an efficient way without creating additional costs or burdens which impact upon our lives or our jobs.

We believe it is vital that government actively works with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive set of tax reforms to reduce the burden on businesses and households. By reducing the tax burden on South Australian businesses and families, we will be able to support job creation and bolster economic opportunities for everyone. One example of a tax we believe unfairly impacts families is the Emergency Services Levy, which is why we are committed to restoring the remission on this tax to reduce household cost pressures.
Excessive red tape gets in the way of industry and business and is a disincentive for job creation. While we understand that legislation plays a vital role in our society, we also believe it is vital to actively reduce the impact of government red tape on our community. We believe that red tape reduction should be a key priority of government.

Much of the legislation and regulation imposed by governments exist for the purpose of achieving good public policy outcomes, like ensuring the safety of the public. However, legislation and regulation is increasingly becoming outdated, with the rate of change in technology and society often outpacing changes in legislation.

“We believe that red tape reduction should be a key priority of government”

We are committed to reversing the over-regulation and excessive red tape burden that reduces the ability of our businesses to grow and create jobs, as well as regulation which unfairly restricts our choice. This is why the State Liberals support the introduction of a state-based productivity commission to identify and remove unnecessary red tape which restricts the productivity of our economy.

Small businesses in particular have often borne the brunt of excessive regulations and bureaucratic paperwork requirements. We believe it is the government’s role to ensure that small businesses are not overburdened with red tape, unnecessarily impacting their ability to operate, grow and create new jobs. We are committed to working with stakeholders, the public service and those impacted by regulation, to ensure our approach delivers outcomes that are simple, fair and relevant.

We believe it is vital to undertake an extensive across-government review to identify and address regulation that is unnecessary, ineffective or inefficient. We will adopt a light-touch approach to regulation to ensure necessary outcomes can be achieved without adding unnecessary costs to businesses and families.
South Australia is a first class producer when it comes to food and wine, manufacturing, defence products and services, international education, agriculture, fisheries and tourism. Our reputation internationally means we have the opportunity to reap the benefits of international markets – however we believe that more can be done to take advantage of our export potential.

In an increasingly globalised world there are many new opportunities for us to take advantage of sectors where South Australia has a competitive advantage, while also branching into new growth industries like financial services and biomedical science.

As Liberals, we understand that our State will not get rich selling to ourselves – we need to tap into new markets to grow our economy and create new jobs.

Our best chance to grow the South Australian economy is to sell more of our goods and services interstate and overseas.

In order to realise the potential value of our different industries, we need to fully utilise those new opportunities that exist in developing markets located interstate and internationally.

Export opportunities exist in all sectors of the South Australian economy, including our traditionally successful sectors such as primary production and manufacturing. Our international reputation as the source of premium, clean primary produce makes our products highly attractive to emerging international markets.

We believe the people best placed to benefit from the next wave of export opportunities are those prepared to innovate and seek new markets. We do not believe it is the role of government to ‘pick winners’, but to work with businesses and employers to help them take advantage of new innovations and to explore new markets. By assisting South Australian businesses to tap into new international and interstate markets, we will be helping the business community create jobs and grow our economic prosperity.

A stronger export market and a culture of innovation will also provide more opportunities for our young job seekers and entrepreneurs.

We need our small to medium enterprises to be export ready so they can capitalise on international and domestic markets and build strong relationships with our trading partners. This is why we are committed to assisting South Australian businesses to become export-ready by improving access to opportunities and businesses’ capacity to tap into globally competitive markets.

We believe there is substantial export potential in our education sector – international students who choose to study in South Australia’s schools, universities and training institutions not only inject much needed money into our economy, but they also act as ambassadors for our State when they return home. The relationships built during their time in our State can form the basis for future export and trading opportunities.

We believe that our defence sector has the potential to service more than just domestic markets, and we will work with the federal government and stakeholders to examine export opportunities internationally.

We are committed to working with stakeholders to develop a suite of policies that will:

- Provide access to growth markets by lobbying for new and high quality trade agreements
- Establish and foster key relationships to increase our physical presence in target markets
- Provide opportunities for regional and metropolitan firms to improve their export capacity through education and resourcing
- Implement effective trade promotion through the use of innovative strategies and partnerships
Innovation and entrepreneurialism are essential features of the modern economy, with each new commercial or social phenomenon driven by a new innovation or way of doing things. We want South Australia to have an international reputation as a place where innovative businesses and start-ups grow to become world-leaders.

Entrepreneurialism has always been fundamental to the State Liberals’ core beliefs, and recognising and supporting entrepreneurialism remains central to our vision for South Australia’s future. The ability to commercialise new innovations and research is critical to the success of a modern economy, with the jobs and wealth that are created providing the key measures of success.

“We want an economic environment where start-ups grow from fledgling businesses to the industries of the future”

South Australia has a proud history of successfully commercialising a range of innovations, however opportunity beckons for a new wave of entrepreneurs to bring their innovations to the market, creating new jobs and opportunities for all South Australians.

Start-ups are an exciting part of a growing and vibrant business sector. We want to foster an economic environment where start-ups are able to grow from fledgling businesses to the industries of the future and major employers in a transitioning economy.

We will work with a range of stakeholders, including universities, businesses and entrepreneurs, to develop a set of policies that will foster entrepreneurialism and support the take-up and commercialisation of innovation, to make South Australia a world leader in this industry by 2036.

Key aspects of our plan for fostering entrepreneurialism include:

- Supporting collaboration between industry and organisations and universities undertaking R&D and scientific discovery to improve the quality of research outcomes and to increase the take up of new technology and innovation
- Recognising and supporting individual entrepreneurs’ efforts and successes in bringing new products and innovations to market
- Encouraging innovation within government to deliver higher quality services and better value for taxpayers’ money
- Simplifying commercialisation to make it easier for innovative new products to get to market

We believe that government support for entrepreneurialism and the commercialisation of innovations and R&D is critical for our businesses’ ability to succeed in globally competitive markets. This is an area with substantial potential to support growth across sectors in South Australia, while also making our State a hub of new and exciting commercial opportunities.
Infrastructure is vital in assisting industry to export, invest, diversify and produce the world-class products and commodities that the market wants. South Australia needs the right kind of infrastructure, in the right places, to ensure that our diverse industries are able to create jobs and flourish towards 2036 and beyond.

The quality and type of infrastructure in South Australia is critical to the productivity of our economy, with an efficient, well-functioning infrastructure network providing the means by which our economy functions. We believe that South Australia has the potential to create more jobs and economic gains with productive infrastructure in place across our State.

“An ongoing pipeline of infrastructure projects will enable South Australian contractors to create long term and short term construction jobs”

The infrastructure we will need in the coming decades is significantly different to what we required 100 years ago, and we need to change our infrastructure approach to ensure we are poised to take advantage of a changing global economy. The industries of the future will be heavily reliant on the information economy and new digital technologies, and it is important that South Australia is equipped to grow these new markets locally.

By developing the infrastructure of the future we will also ensure an ongoing pipeline of infrastructure projects, now and towards 2036, that will enable South Australian contractors to create long term and short term construction jobs to grow the State.

In order to ensure our infrastructure supports the economic growth and way of life we want for our communities, significant investment needs to be made to address current inadequacies, unlock new economic activity and create jobs.

In making these investments, it is critical that we focus our investment in economically and socially productive infrastructure, with projects to be chosen based on robust and transparent assessments of proposals.

The mineral resources, energy, oil and gas industries are fundamental building blocks of the South Australian economy, but they are also vulnerable to the cyclical highs and lows of international commodity markets. We need to ensure that these vital industries have the infrastructure they need to take advantage of the boom times, while also being able to weather the lows. We must ensure that we assist these industries become as efficient as possible so that when commodity prices increase we are as well placed as possible to benefit immediately. By assisting the sector with the development of productive infrastructure, we will be able to ensure that industries retain as many jobs as possible while also having the potential to maximise job gains when international prices recover.

It is also important that we make use of a range of funding sources to ensure access to quality infrastructure. This requires a greater focus on building partnerships, including with the Federal Government and working with the private sector for our State’s best interests.

We will work to develop a series of measures that will ensure South Australians enjoy world-class infrastructure (both economic and social) while still achieving value for money on investments using taxpayers’ funds.
Our regional areas are a major driver of our economy – from primary production and farming to the mining industry, we understand that South Australia needs its regional industries to thrive, create jobs and boost our economy.

In 2036 we want a South Australia that is bolstered by strong regional production and vibrant regional communities.

We believe it is necessary to take a strategic long-range view when it comes to ensuring the growth of our regional industries and communities. Government should work closely with stakeholders to ensure that there is a long term strategy that reflects the needs of regional sectors and fosters growth in small business.

The families, primary producers and business owners who make their homes in our regional areas deserve to know that government has a long term plan for the sustainability of their communities. Growth in regional cities is vital to ensure that our local country communities are viable and have enough jobs to support their population.

“Our regional areas are a major driver of our economy”

We believe that the economic and productive potential of the regions need to be unlocked. There are new food export markets opening up in Asia, which combined with new opportunities in food manufacturing have the ability to grow our market share. Our primary producers and food industries should be given the support they need to take full advantage of these potential growth markets.

There are many South Australians living and working in our regional areas and communities – from tourism to wine, and aquaculture to forestry, all of these people are contributing to vital South Australian industries. We believe in working with these communities to help foster a culture of innovation which will help elevate South Australian industries and boost recognition of our world-class regions, industries and primary producers.

Research, development and extension (RD&E) is vitally important to the State’s primary industries. It is through RD&E that advances in technology, manufacturing, farming practices and plant breeding are made. We believe it is vital to accelerate the momentum in this space, to allow our regional industries to gain a competitive advantage in domestic and international markets.
THE BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM IN AUSTRALIA
We Believe

- Our families deserve access to the best schools and childcare in the nation, to build our children’s capabilities and our State’s future
- In supporting the education choices that parents, care-givers and families make for their children – you are the ones who know them best
- Education professionals need to be empowered, engaged and supported to ensure the best outcomes for their students
- Young people should be provided with the education and training opportunities they need to gain employment both in new and established industries

How we will achieve this together

2.1 Delivering the best schools in Australia by improving education outcomes and teaching standards
2.2 Returning decision making to parents, principals, teachers and local school communities
2.3 Building more innovative and flexible school systems
2.4 Expanding opportunities for students to engage with training, skills and higher education and ready themselves for employment
We want our schools to be the best in Australia. When parents drop their children off for their first day of school they deserve an education guarantee: we will respect your children and ensure they get the best education.

We believe students’ educational outcomes should be the prime focus of our school system. There is no second opportunity when it comes to educating our young people – we need a system that encourages excellence from our child’s very first day of school.

We understand our children are entering an increasingly competitive work-force and higher education system, and it is our job to equip them with the skills they need to get ahead in life.

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While South Australia has not led the pack when it comes to educational outcomes for students in recent times, we believe that with a renewed focus on educational outcomes we can once again become a national leader.

Embracing innovation is key to ensuring our students have the best possible education. We are determined to think outside the square and look at all options to ensure that nothing stands in the way of our children’s education. Just because “we’ve always done it that way” doesn’t mean we should continue down a path which reduces educational outcomes – South Australia is a State of innovators, and we want to bring innovation to education!

Teachers who excel at producing outstanding educational outcomes should be recognised and encouraged. We believe that teachers should be given the opportunity to up-skill and grow as education professionals if they choose, allowing them to fulfil their potential and provide their students with quality classroom experiences.

Quality teachers are the most significant input to a student’s learning.

States such as Western Australia and Queensland, which were once lagging behind South Australia in education, have embraced innovation through programs including independent public schools and moving Year 7 into high school. We are committed to examining all options to ensure we improve education outcomes and our NAPLAN performance while producing a generation of well-rounded and capable young people.

We believe that through enhanced autonomy and flexibility, empowering principals, better engaging school communities, and improving the status and effectiveness of the teaching profession, the dreams of students receiving the best possible education in South Australia will become a reality.
2.2 Empowered decision making

We believe that school communities should have a greater level of control and flexibility to respond to the resourcing and specific educational needs of their students in a targeted way. Every school community is different, with unique challenges, strengths and potential. We believe the school community’s teachers, principals and families are best placed to understand the individual needs of their students, rather than bureaucrats.

We want to refocus the way our schools operate, and return the power of decision making back to the principals, the teachers, and the wider school community.

We believe that educators at the school level are best placed to manage school resources to maximise student outcomes. Decisions such as staff recruitment, curriculum management and cost effective and targeted use of school budgets are best made by educators and administrators on the ground.

This is not a new idea – it has successfully transformed school systems elsewhere in Australia and overseas. We want a ‘best of both worlds’ approach to education – giving schools greater flexibility to cater for their community’s specific needs while remaining within the funding and support structure of the public school system.

We understand that by empowering school communities through greater autonomy and accountability we will deliver better student outcomes and happier and more efficient school communities.

We fundamentally trust our principals, teachers and families to make positive and practical choices for their students – and we will empower them to be able to act in the best interests of their school.

“We want to return the power of decision making back to the principals, teachers, and the wider school community”
The future of South Australia rests in the hands of our children and young people – their creativity, their drive and their intelligence will shape the future of our State.

Our children deserve a school system that responds to their needs, celebrating the individual learner and preparing them for a full and enriching life beyond the school gate.

“Rewarding teaching excellence will lift the standard of teaching across the state”

We want to create a system that is able to embrace all of our students, strengthens their skills and encourages them to take risks and think laterally.

We will assist principals, teachers, students and families to improve outcomes through greater local innovation. We will empower school communities to develop new solutions for educational impediments in their community and implement their ideas. We believe that a more tailored approach to education programs and the ability to engage community resources beyond the school gate will provide better education outcomes and a more enjoyable school experience for our children.

The school curriculum needs to be flexible to the needs of students whilst also giving them the skills they need to gain future employment. We believe that South Australian students deserve a modern curriculum that provides them with the traditional academic skills they need to gain employment, but also gives them the tools they need to grow and contribute to a transitioning economy.

Our school system must also look after our children who may require extra support due to disability or special needs. We believe it is in the best interests of young people with special needs to provide the support they need to help them reach their full potential. We understand that parents and their children need to be empowered, and they deserve to have choices about which educational opportunities they take up. Options need to be available that meet the needs of the child to give them the best possible opportunities for their future.

Schools need the flexibility to respond to the distinct needs of their students within their education pathway – from the early years through to graduation. Some students are suited to studying traditional subjects in Year 12 – some may be more interested in starting a business, learning a trade or gaining the skills to enter a particular vocation. The State Liberals will support schools to respond to the needs and ambitions of their students whilst also encouraging educators to play to their students’ strengths in order to build a generation of creative and intelligent, empowered and entrepreneurial young people.

We believe teachers are an important asset that should be supported, encouraged and strengthened. By rewarding teaching excellence we will continue to lift the standard of teaching across the state. Better teachers mean better schools, which mean better learning opportunities and young adults who are better suited to making their dreams a reality.
South Australia needs its students to be ready to work, ready to build businesses and ready to create new jobs and opportunities when they leave school. Schools, training organisations and higher education institutions have a duty to provide our young people with the skills they need to become the employers and workers of the future.

We will equip our young people with the skills and knowledge they need to successfully transition to training and further education and to improve their career pathway options.

We believe that vocational training and skill creation is a crucial building block in the future economic success of our State.

We believe that our vocational education and further education sectors need to work in co-operation with our schools as part of an education continuum, not as separate silos.

And we believe that our proud tradition of achievement in our universities can be accentuated so that Adelaide is a beacon to the world of excellence in higher education.

From the leaders of industry to successful entrepreneurs South Australia has the people who can transform our rich resources to drive prosperity – we want to connect our young people with the brains driving our State. Key to this connection is developing skills and training programs which are connected to industry. We need our young people to be fully empowered to take advantage of the industries looking for new talent – in fact, we want young people to create the industries of the future.

We believe that education needs to be forward thinking – understanding our State’s needs and tailoring our teaching to ensure our young people are best placed to take advantage of the new opportunities in South Australia.

We believe it is vital to re-engage with the training sector, to connect our young people with industry and to prioritise training and skills development. We understand that in order for young South Australians to pursue job opportunities, we need a training sector that delivers quality, responsive training by engaging a broad range of providers. An education system that grows skills will foster job creation, productivity and success for South Australia.

We also understand that in order to be competitive on the international stage we need our young people to be finishing school with some language skills other than English. Increasingly, western countries are refocussing on the importance of growing our bilingual workforce. By supporting our students to take advantage of opportunities to learn a new language, we will upskill our workforce and take advantage of our international trade links.

“We want young people to create the industries of the future”

We also understand that universities are an important economic and cultural driver for our State, and we will work with university administrations and the Federal Government to ensure that our higher education sector continues to produce outstanding graduates while also attracting new students to South Australia.
3.0 BEING A HEALTHY STATE
We Believe

- You are entitled to world-class, accessible and effective health care which supports your health and wellbeing
- You should be empowered to make the best decisions for you and your family’s health, supported by health professionals
- You need whole-of-person care which helps you live a healthy life and intervenes early to prevent or minimise ill-health and disability
- Your community and local health professionals are best placed to design and deliver health services for your community, not head office bureaucrats
- As a taxpayer, your health care needs to be efficient, effective and sustainable so that services are there when you need them

How we will achieve this together

3.1 Protecting your health
3.2 Delivering person-centred care
3.3 Caring for mind and body
3.4 Making health care accessible across the city and across the State
3.5 Decentralising the control of health services
3.6 Reducing waste and bureaucracy
Health is key to leading a fulfilling life. Only when we are healthy, can we be active in things we enjoy, spend time with those we care about and be around to see the next generation grow.

For most South Australians, living healthy lives is fundamentally about looking after ourselves – through diet, exercise, spending time with our family and friends, and making sensible choices in life.

“Real transformation in health comes when we support people to stay healthy, not wait until they are sick”

Every South Australian should be supported to be health aware and responsible through pro-active services such as health information, screenings and vaccinations.

People should be supported by health professionals to identify any particular risks that they may face and informed of any actions they can take to avoid the onset of illness.

A government’s role is to make it as easy as possible for people to make healthy choices, and to be there when extra care is needed.

Some people need help to access, affordable healthy food. Some need access to ongoing support to avoid a chronic condition triggering other health issues.

Unhealthy choices by some should not be able to negatively impact on the health of others. For example, smoking in public places needs to be actively discouraged and we must be vigilant to protect children in the care of people who abuse alcohol or drugs.

It is vital that governments at all levels work with the community to support healthy local communities.

We need to plan the development of our communities so that neighbourhoods are safe and healthy. Neighbourhoods need to have safe roads and provide readily available opportunities for physical activity, like walking and cycling.

We believe that a sustained focus on public health will ensure that the environment in which we live is free of contamination and the foods that we eat nourish us rather than harm us.

No matter where in South Australia you choose to live, you should be confident that the government has prioritised your ongoing good health. Access to health information and screening should be available throughout the State.

As we move towards 2036, we want South Australia to be the healthy State that nurtures health and wellbeing.

Real transformation in health comes when we support people to stay healthy, not wait until they are sick.
We believe that you should be the focus of your health care.

With the support of health professionals, you, your family and your community need to be empowered to choose the care that best suits your needs and your life goals.

We believe in a health system that identifies potential health issues early and works to address them before hospitalisation or other more significant measures are required.

It is in our own best interests to stay out of hospital – it also helps make our health services sustainable. Hospital care is very expensive. If people get the support they need early, fewer people will need to be hospitalised, the pressure on overcrowded hospitals will be eased and it will cost less money to maintain the State’s health services.

Intervening early can prevent ill-health or minimise its impact.

Care coordinated by your local GP, for example, can help you manage risk factors, identify early warning signs and access treatment early when the prospects of full recovery are brightest.

“Health services need to engage patients in their care and respect their wishes on treatment options”

Even when intensive health support is required, care and treatment should be provided in a way which maximises both your health outcomes and quality of life. Care delivered at home or in the community will often avoid the need for expensive, disruptive hospitalisation and allow you to remain at your home and with your family. Community-based care can make it possible for a person to live and die with dignity in their own home, if they choose.

Health services need to engage you in your care and respect your wishes on treatment options.

We need our health services to be responsive and accountable. We need a transparent health system which ensures that clients have confidence in the care they are receiving, have opportunities to be actively involved in the planning of their care and to pursue complaints.

We also believe that in order for our health system to be truly person-centred, health plans and policies must be developed in collaboration with our communities and health consumers.

We believe that you should be the focus of all government health care. You need clear pathways through the maze of government and private health providers. Only when health care providers work collaboratively, with their clients as the focus, will you get the best care, the best experience and the best prospect for the earliest recovery.
Your health care needs to support you to stay healthy as a whole person. The health and fitness of your mind is vital to your wellbeing and fulfilment. Your physical health will affect your mental health and vice versa.

All of us need to keep mentally fit and healthy to achieve our full potential.

One in three of us will face a mental health challenge at some point in our lives; yet this aspect of our wellbeing is still so often stigmatised, ignored or untreated.

The South Australia of 2036 needs to be able to provide the best possible care and support for people who are dealing with a mental health challenge. Prevention and early intervention, as with any health issue, can reduce mental ill-health.

South Australians deserve a mental health system that is able to provide meaningful support to them as individuals, their families and communities.

“The health and fitness of your mind is vital to your wellbeing and fulfilment”

Services in this area need to better reflect the impact on people and treat mental health needs with the same weight as other health issues.

Over time, there needs to be a rebalancing of resources towards mental health.

Some people make poor decisions in relation to their health. We need to strengthen services to support South Australians to free themselves from illicit drugs and to control their use of other drugs to avoid negative health impacts.

Suicide is a drastic choice with devastating effects that ripple throughout the community. We believe that more can be done to lower South Australia’s suicide rate. Services to prevent suicide need to be strengthened so that those at risk of taking their own lives are given the support they need.
South Australians are entitled to world-class, whole-of-person health care which supports their health and wellbeing. The health system must be able to provide the best possible health care for everyone in our community, regardless of where we live or what support we need.

All health services need to be accessible through a fully integrated network of metropolitan and country general hospitals and other health services.

The public, private and not-for-profit sectors need to work together to deliver the best care and the most accessible care. From a Royal Flying Doctor Service in the far north of the State to an inner Adelaide public health clinic, our health services need to work together to maximise the care for South Australians.

The health sector needs to work with other sectors, such as aged care and disability services, to support the health of all South Australians and, where hospitalisation is necessary, minimise the disruption to other care and support.

Particularly when a health issue is yet to be diagnosed, patients need access to a broad network of emergency departments – people should not be put to the risky task of self-diagnosing their symptoms and needing to know which hospital to go to for a particular condition.

Hospitals must be able to provide world-class health care as quickly as possible, without ramping or long waiting times for surgery.

Not everybody’s needs are the same. Aboriginal South Australians and people from other culturally diverse groups need to have their health needs met in a culturally appropriate way. Veterans value an awareness of their service culture and shared experiences.

More South Australians are living longer, healthier and active lives. As our population ages, extra pressure will be put on our health system. By 2036, the oldest baby-boomers will be 74 years old and forty per cent of South Australians will be over 65 years of age – we need to plan now for health services that support people in healthy positive ageing.

Medical research and training should be integrated with the delivery of quality health care. Research offers the hope of better health outcomes for you and your family and an assurance of quality in services, with a strong, sustainable pool of quality health workers.

“Hospitals must provide world-class health care as quickly as possible, without ramping or long waiting times for surgery”
Our health services and hospitals are a diverse network which need to work together. The best outcomes will not be achieved by dumbing services down to a lowest common denominator, through a one-size-fits-all approach.

Government needs to respect the unique culture and context of each health service and work with them and their communities to maximise their positive impact. Rather than top down control from head office, local clinicians and teams need to be fully engaged in service development.

South Australia is a large state with a dispersed population. Through boards for each Local Health Network, we can ensure governance brings together community values, the hands-on knowledge of clinicians, and the expertise of community members.

We want to draw on the experience and insights of local people and local clinicians - so often it is these people who best understand the unique needs of their community and the best response to those needs.

We want you and your community to be able to fundraise for your local health services confident that all of the money raised will be spent as intended and not be hoarded or siphoned off by bureaucrats.

“We want to draw on the experience and insights of local people and local clinicians”
South Australians expect their health care to be efficient, effective and sustainable. After all, it is our taxes that keep our State’s health system running and providing care.

Waste not only denies us the opportunity to improve our health services – it threatens existing services.

We believe that reducing unnecessary waste across the health system will allow us to improve services and provide better health outcomes for South Australians.

Unnecessary administration not only costs millions of dollars, it spawns bureaucratic processes which get in the way of the delivery of frontline services where they are needed most.

Previous government mismanagement of health projects including IT and construction have led to massive cost blowouts and a waste of taxpayer funds. We believe that a responsible government must deliver what was promised on time and within budget. It is a sad reality that we could have rebuilt the Repatriation General Hospital with the blow out in the cost of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital project.

Labor wants to manage the State's health budget by cutting hospital beds and frontline health professionals – yet over the last decade Labor has created the largest, most centralised health administration in Australia.

“South Australians expect their health care to be efficient, effective and sustainable”

As health knowledge and technology rapidly change, we need to enable the health workforce to continue to evolve their professions, their training and scope of practice. Fully engaging the professional expertise of each doctor, nurse, allied health and other health professional will help us recruit and retain the best people and deliver the best possible care.

Innovation in the health sector is opening up opportunities for greater efficiencies and better health outcomes.
4.0 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES
GOOD GOVERNMENTS CARE FOR AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO NEED HELP TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET AND LIVE THEIR BEST POSSIBLE LIFE.

We Believe

- It’s your life – you should be empowered to make decisions and take responsibility for your own life and future
- Empathy and acceptance are key to helping people overcome hardship
- Many South Australians will require government support and care at some point in their lives, and they deserve the best quality services during this time
- It is vital to identify opportunities to help vulnerable South Australians make positive changes in their lives
- Government should work to remove barriers to equal opportunities wherever they present themselves
- South Australia needs sustainable, innovative solutions to provide better outcomes for vulnerable members of our community

How we will achieve this together

4.1 Protecting the most vulnerable people in our community, especially children
4.2 Improving services and engaging the non-government sector
4.3 Building resilience and creating more opportunities for vulnerable South Australians
4.4 Ensuring services are provided in a timely and sensitive manner
4.5 Striving for equality and alleviating entrenched disadvantage
4.6 Ensuring individual choice is at the centre of our policies
While every attempt must be made to provide all South Australians with the opportunities they need to better their own lives, there is also a role for government in providing protection and support to those who are unable to care for themselves. This is especially important when dealing with the youngest in our communities – children are the future of our State, and we want the next generation to be raised away from the threat of violence or harm.

Children need to be at the heart of child protection. Our child protection system must be capable of protecting our children and providing them with safe homes. To achieve this ambition we need to start work on this today.

“Our children are our future and their protection is our priority”

Our children are our future and their protection is our priority. We believe that Families SA should be transformed to focus on the needs of children, and lead a network of Non Government Organisations (NGOs), foster carers and community organisations to protect and nurture children at risk. They will have a substantially elevated status within government and it will be removed from the large and bureaucratic Education Department.

Unfortunately it is a sad fact of life that not everyone is able to provide a safe and stable home for their children, no matter how much support they are offered. In these situations it is up to the government and service providers to step in and put the interests of the child first. Solutions must be found to ensure that our State’s most vulnerable children are safe and protected. We will always work to put the rights of the child at the centre of our policy development – we must protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Some South Australians with a disability are also at increased risk of harm in our community. Government needs to work with service providers, carers and families to ensure all South Australians are protected from potential harm as they go about their daily lives. There is no place in our society for people who seek to take advantage of our most vulnerable South Australians. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes, at work and out in their neighbourhoods.
At some point in our lives, we may all require some extra help to get us back on our feet. Providing support services to vulnerable people in our community is one of the key roles of government. We believe that South Australians deserve the best possible support from their government and non-government service providers when they find themselves in need.

There is a wealth of experience and knowledge in the not-for-profit and non-government sector when it comes to providing support and services for South Australians. Often, it is the work carried out by the non-government sector that provides the most relevant, tailored support. We believe there is an opportunity for government to provide better support to NGOs who are undertaking the important role of community care.

“We believe South Australians deserve the best possible support from their government and non-government service providers when they find themselves in need”

We believe that NGOs are best able to serve the community when they are empowered by government to work free from excessive red tape and bureaucracy. Efficiency is key in a sector that has traditionally struggled with high demand and stretched resources. The streamlining of government paper-work requirements would reduce excess stress on NGO administrators and staff. We believe that steps should be taken to ensure that applications for government funding are processed in a timely manner, and that longer-term funding provides greater certainty for service providers, so that NGOs can continue to make long-range plans and focus on the community, rather than their resources.

As the sector continues to develop and grow, there are increasing opportunities for NGOs and not-for-profits to harness innovative new technologies and opportunities to deliver better outcomes for South Australians. We believe there is a role for government to assist NGOs to take advantage of new technologies to reduce backlogs and provide better quality services. NGOs and not-for-profits do government a huge service by taking on responsibility for community care across a range of sectors, and government should respect and assist these organisations to up-skill and embrace innovation for the benefit of their clients.

Volunteers are a vital part of the non-government and not-for-profit sector, providing much needed care and support in our communities. We believe that volunteers are crucial, and should be treated with the utmost respect and support. We need to foster an environment that encourages the next generation of volunteers to get involved, particularly the young and new retirees. Being a volunteer in the community should be a source of pride. We want to ensure that all South Australians value the work done by our dedicated and passionate volunteers.
As Liberals, we believe that the best way to lift people out of poverty is to create jobs and opportunities. We need an economy that is robust and strong and presents people with a range of employment opportunities. Having a job is not only a fundamental part of our personal identity – it also provides us with the financial and social tools we need to live the life we choose. When people are unemployed they are more likely to struggle with mental health issues, housing uncertainty and potential stress on their relationships. A key duty of any government is to work to provide people with job opportunities.

“A key duty of any government is to work to provide people with job opportunities”

Our vision for 2036 is a government focused on creating new, transformative opportunities for vulnerable South Australians, rather than reinforcing entrenched dependency. Ultimately, government’s role is to support people while they build their personal resilience and get back on their feet. Innovative ideas need to be embraced, to ensure that vulnerable people in our communities are given every opportunity to pull themselves out of difficult situations. Whether it is through work, volunteering, education or training, we believe in the potential of all people to improve their own lives.

Ultimately, government action needs to focus on helping people get to a point in their lives where they no longer need extra support or services. While this will not be possible for everyone, we believe that there are many people currently accessing services who, with extra support, would be able to live independently down the track.

For the over 30,000 South Australians living with a disability we will ensure that they, their families and their carers will have the best opportunity possible to achieve their goals, including managing their own life through the NDIS.

Unfortunately, when adults fall on tough times it is often their children who suffer the most. At times like these it is up to government, and society as a whole, to ensure that children and families are given the help and support they need to make it through. It is vital for government to work with service providers to ensure that children and young people are supported while their parents are overcoming personal difficulties. We believe that government action needs to put the protection of children at their core, because harm done in a child’s life can cripple them as an adult.

We believe that by working with vulnerable children in a consistent and sympathetic way, we can help build their resilience and ensure they have the skills they need to create their own successful lives as adults.
4.4 Timely and sensitive service provision

When people require government support services, they often need them urgently. Being left to languish on waiting lists adds stress and reduces the prospect of long term self-reliance in an already fraught situation. We believe that services need to be delivered in a timely, efficient manner that both respects the individual and fulfils their needs.

“Services need to be prioritised to ensure they are reaching the most vulnerable people in our community”

Just because a problem is out of public sight, does not mean that it should be out of the government’s mind. Services need to be prioritised to ensure they are reaching the most vulnerable people in our community. Sometimes our community members most at risk can be the hardest to identify or locate, but we believe government has a responsibility to ensure they do not fall through the cracks.

All South Australians deserve access to quality services. We understand that your ability to get government support should not diminish the further away from Adelaide you live.

We believe that government needs to focus on the needs of vulnerable young people – their needs are unique and programs must be sensitively tailored to take this into account. When vulnerable children are at risk, actions must be taken quickly to ensure their safety. The safety of our young people is paramount and should be a key priority.

South Australia has a strong veteran’s community that continues to serve our country with pride and honour. Veterans will continue to be an important part of our community in 2036. We understand that putting yourself in danger for the sake of your country can lead to personal challenges down the track. We understand that the problems faced by our veterans are unique, and we will ensure that our service men and women and their families are provided with the support they need.

We believe that the best services are delivered by people who genuinely understand the issues being faced by their clients. We believe that it is the people on the ground and at the forefront of service delivery who have the best understanding of the complexities facing South Australian communities. Rather than a top-down approach to service delivery, we believe that program direction should be influenced by the experiences of those accessing and implementing community services. Government has a responsibility to truly listen to the needs of those using government support services and should not dictate from on high, but rather consult and engage with those accessing support.
We believe that in order for the South Australia of 2036 to be the more equitable, fair and inclusive society we want, then government needs to focus on the multiple causes and outcomes of disadvantage that are present today.

It is an unfortunate truth that many of us live with particular challenges – we are not all afforded the same opportunities as a matter of course. Some of us will face barriers due to ethnicity, Aboriginality or disability; others will face potential disadvantage due to language, gender or sexuality. It is vital that government recognises the myriad of different ways that people are disadvantaged – it is only through acceptance of the problem that solutions can begin to be formulated. We believe that we can focus our resources to help people overcome entrenched disadvantage through government recognition that inequality still exists in South Australia.

“Good governments work to reduce the disparities of opportunities available in order to provide a more even playing field”

Strategies to reduce disadvantage need to be across the whole of government, not just the service delivery sector, as they have the potential to reinforce inequality if they are not carefully designed. We believe that all policies should be formulated to ensure that minority groups, like Aboriginal South Australians, do not face inequality or disadvantage through government actions.

A fundamental part of offering people the best opportunities to improve their lives, is to ensure that they have equal access to these transformative opportunities. We believe that good governments work to reduce the disparities of opportunity available to its citizens, in order to provide a more even playing field.

It is especially important that government recognises that Aboriginal South Australians face challenges that many other people in our society do not. Policies need to be culturally appropriate and sensitively implemented, to ensure that they provide real outcomes and do not further marginalise our nation’s first people.

Government also needs to take a long-range strategic focus on tackling the discrimination faced by women across South Australia, in terms of domestic and family violence, sexual abuse, access to health and child care, the growing wage gap and representation on Boards and at all levels of government. By 2036 we need a state where women and girls are empowered to live their lives free from discrimination or abuse.

We believe in embracing diversity, acknowledging disadvantage, and using the resources of government to ensure that the very things that make us unique do not impact upon our ability to lead our best lives.
The State Liberals fundamentally believe that individuals should be able to make their own decisions about things that affect their lives. This includes which services to access, which opportunities to take up, where to reside and how to live their lives. We believe that government has a role to play in removing red tape and barriers that prevent people from having the autonomy to make their own decisions. Less red tape and a simpler, streamlined sector will empower people to have more input and feedback into the services they choose.

“We believe when people are empowered to make their own decisions, they are also empowered to take greater responsibility for their own lives”

With personal choice, comes personal responsibility. We believe that when people are empowered to make their own decisions, they are also empowered to take greater responsibility for their own lives. We believe that people accessing support services should be encouraged to be active participants in the programs available to them, to ensure they do not become disenfranchised and fail to make the most of the options available to them. Government should keep the philosophy of personal empowerment at the core of policy.

Everyone is different, and in the course of our lives we will all face different battles and situations. Some of us will face challenges from the moment we take our first breath, while others may not need government support until much later in life. Regardless of who you are, where you come from or what difficulties you may be facing, you deserve a government that recognises your unique needs. There is no ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to service delivery – governments should allocate the resources to develop a range of services that are tailored to the different needs of the community. We believe that entire communities will benefit through the development of programs that put the needs of the individual first.
WE WILL CREATE JOBS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS BY GROWING OUR ECONOMY THROUGH EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT IN PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT WHILE ALSO ENSURING QUALITY PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

5.0

We Believe

- Government has a responsibility to be careful with your money – all government projects must provide real economic value for the taxpayer
- Economies thrive when government acts in the best interests of their people – we need a government that is responsive to the diverse needs of individuals and communities when planning and delivering public infrastructure and services
- Investment in productive and social infrastructure is crucial in creating long term economic growth, jobs and opportunities
- Economic growth is maximised when governments prioritise investment in key projects according to forward planning

How we will achieve this together

5.1 Taking a strategic focus on the future to plan for and deliver on the needs of South Australia in an efficient and sustainable way

5.2 Prioritising the productive infrastructure that our State needs

5.3 Working in partnerships to grow jobs and deliver real outcomes for South Australians

5.4 Ensuring we have inclusive and liveable city centres and regional hubs

5.5 Ensuring our transport system is safe and responsive to the needs of users and good value for money
South Australia is regarded as one of the most liveable places in the world – our unique blend of natural beauty, great climate, good living conditions and laid-back lifestyle draws people from around the world to call our State home. We believe this State is more than just beautiful however, it also has the potential to be much stronger economically.

Rather than planning and infrastructure decisions being based on short term political gains, we believe that a sensible long-range vision with a focus on productive infrastructure is needed to power South Australia into the future.

We believe that South Australia can thrive and support a growing population if government keeps one eye on the challenges of the day, and one eye firmly on the future. This growth provides a host of opportunities for South Australians, but also presents challenges which need to be addressed. The government of 2036 will need to accommodate a larger population within existing and new communities – and we need to start making plans now to ensure our quality of life is not compromised.

We understand that it takes a long term and comprehensive infrastructure and development strategy to deliver on the future needs of South Australians. Where we will choose to live, work, send our children to school and relax in the future will have a significant impact on the footprint of our State.

We need to begin planning for our future today so we can service new and growing communities with:

- Developments that accommodate larger populations and meet local communities’ expectations
- High quality and innovative infrastructure
- Reliable and convenient public transport services
- Efficient and effective local government services

A key part of a long term infrastructure and development vision is the positive impact these plans will have on consumer and business confidence. Investors are more likely to see South Australia as a smart investment if they can see the potential for our own economic growth. We believe that government has a key role to play in ensuring that South Australia is an attractive location for future investment.

In order to meet the needs of South Australians, we understand that policy makers at all levels of government will need to work with stakeholders and communities to understand the short, medium and long term priorities of development in their local areas. Governments that work proactively with communities and stakeholders in the development of long-range infrastructure plans deliver better outcomes when implementing projects with lasting benefits for their citizens.

As Liberals, we understand that planning and development is not just a challenge for metropolitan areas – we need to look at how infrastructure can be used to benefit regional and remote areas as well. We will work with regional councils to ensure that the infrastructure and services they see as a priority to growth in their region are enhanced and provided. When our regions are provided with the development and support they need to boost their economic productivity, there are massive flow-on benefits for the State as a whole.

“We believe that government has a key role to play in ensuring that South Australia is an attractive location for future investment”
We believe that infrastructure should benefit all South Australians – no matter where we live, we should have access to infrastructure that boosts the economy of our local community and delivers jobs.

South Australia is a remarkably diverse State, with a population distributed across an equally diverse region. Because of our geographic challenges, we need quality infrastructure that links us to each other in an easy and reliable way – as a means to improving our productivity and quality of life.

Investment in economically and socially productive infrastructure provides the tools we need to ensure such improvements can be achieved and new jobs created.

“We must ensure that all projects embarked upon by government have a long term impact on job opportunities in South Australia”

We need to ensure that all projects embarked upon by government have a long term impact on job opportunities in South Australia. We need to develop and implement projects that assist industries and business owners to boost their own productivity, which will in turn lead to them taking on more staff. Sensible and long term infrastructure growth is critical to ensure that development leads to long term sustainable jobs growth. It is no good to simply fund a project for a few years, only to lose jobs once the project has been completed.

In order to provide South Australians with the greatest possible benefits from new infrastructure, we need to prioritise investment in projects which deliver the greatest net benefit for all of us. Decisions should be made based on a holistic assessment incorporating economic, social and environmental impacts – rather than short term political ambitions.

We believe government should be committed to delivering the best outcomes for all South Australians. By ensuring that decisions on investment in infrastructure projects are prioritised based on objective assessments on the merits of a project, we will be able to provide value-for-money and certainty to South Australians.

It is vital for future governments to ensure that projects are implemented based upon their ability to create new opportunities and support long term job creation throughout South Australia – ensuring that all of us can enjoy higher productivity and a brighter future in our home State.
We believe that with our policy settings South Australia will be on the brink of a period of opportunity. We believe that with new leadership and focus we have the chance to lead this State into an era of greater prosperity. In order to take full advantage of our potential growth, we need the infrastructure and development that will enable us to capitalise on the opportunities before us.

We believe that our State needs a long term reliable pipeline of investment, to provide the extra revenue needed for our State and to keep building our economy. In order to achieve our full potential as a State and create this pipeline, we need both public and private investment to achieve sustainable jobs growth now and into the future. Long term business investment needs to be actively courted by government in order to inject funds into the productive capacity of our economy. Government needs to seek out co-investment from the private, public and local government sphere to ensure that our infrastructure and development is augmented by funds from multiple sources.

Growth in South Australia’s infrastructure and development needs to be driven by a strong private sector. We will work to strengthen our local businesses so that they are prepared to take full advantage of the investment opportunities in this State as we head towards 2036. We believe that, where possible, it is important to ensure that South Australian companies are given the opportunities to work on public infrastructure builds and to win government tenders. By supporting business in this State, we will grow and strengthen the local jobs market.

We believe that it is vital for government to build collaborative partnerships with the private sector and with other levels of government to plan, fund and develop projects that will create jobs, opportunities, prosperity and a ‘fair go’ for all South Australians.

“We need both public and private investment to achieve sustainable jobs growth now and into the future”

We understand that for South Australia to grow, government will need to work with a broad range of stakeholders to develop a model for collaborative partnerships that will deliver on the infrastructure and development potential in this State. A strong economy attracts investment. By working with stakeholders and the private sector we will be able to create a fiscal environment that attracts the investment needed for South Australia to take full advantage of future opportunities.
If Adelaide is to reach its full potential as a modern metropolis, we need our city’s infrastructure to continue to evolve and link with our regional cities and trading partners.

The majority of South Australians live and work in Adelaide or its surrounding suburbs and peri-urban areas, with the city serving as an economic hub for business and industry. We believe that all levels of government need to work in unison to ensure that our capital city has the infrastructure it needs to attract the next generation of residents and business innovation. In this increasingly globalised world, it is essential to ensure that our city can compete on an international scale via strong connectivity with domestic and overseas markets. We believe in working with the federal and local government to ensure that our capital city is best-placed to take advantage of our State’s economic potential.

While the Adelaide CBD is the focal point for the State’s economic activity, businesses, industry and jobs, we understand that the majority of South Australians actually live in our city’s middle and outer suburbs. These suburban communities have their own individual cultures, facilities and shopping hubs. These community centres are where we meet with our neighbours and go about our daily lives. It is important that these middle and outer suburban communities have the facilities they need in order to share the load of the CBD by decreasing congestion and increasing services outside of the city. Suburban centres with better facilities, better transport corridors and easier access will better connect people and make all of Adelaide a better place to live and raise a family.

As Liberals, we also understand and support those South Australians and their families living in our regional city centres. The ongoing viability of our regional centres is crucial for not only the economic future of South Australia, but also to ensure a high quality of life for those in the regions. We will always work to support those families, primary producers, small business owners and employees who live in our regional centres to ensure they have the infrastructure and connectivity they need to thrive.

“All levels of government must work in unison to ensure that Adelaide has the infrastructure it needs to attract the next generation of residents and business innovation”
South Australia presents many transport challenges due to its geographic size, wide population spread and arid weather. We need a transport system that delivers on the requirements of all South Australians; a modern, effective, connected system which provides convenient access to key routes and reliable services.

Better transport options mean better connected people and communities.

We believe that government needs to focus on improving the productivity of our public and private transport options by ensuring our transport delivery matches the needs of users. While our State’s size presents many opportunities for work and leisure, it also means that the travel time between home and the workplace can be lengthy. Our transport system needs to increase the mobility of South Australians, and needs to be accessible for everyone. Productivity is improved when we can get to work in a quick and easy manner. Being able to travel safely and efficiently means we are able to spend less time travelling and more time with our friends and family.

As Liberals, we understand that public transport needs to be safe as well as efficient in order to boost usage. Regardless of which mode and method of transport we choose to use, we should be confident that we will make it home to our family safely. Improving our current transport system to provide greater safety for all users will also improve public confidence in the network and give passengers better value for money. Consultation, education and investment are all crucial when it comes to implementing and achieving better safety outcomes.

We also believe that in order to get the best outcome for public transport users, we need to ensure a ‘customer first’ focus and an enhanced passenger experience. You and your family’s experience of public transport is crucial – our transport system needs to use innovative new technologies to ensure it is user-friendly and accessible for all South Australians.

New technology is already changing the way we access transport in South Australia, and we believe in working with innovative companies to create new solutions for transport problems.

We also need our transport system to be good value for money, both as a passenger and as a taxpayer. For every ticket we buy, we should be able to expect a safe, efficient and reliable transport experience. We also need our transport developments to represent an efficient use of taxpayers money – projects that blow-out in cost or have excessive wastage are a misuse of our money. Responsible governments never lose sight of this crucial fact.

Freight is another crucial element of our transport network. While public transport and cars move people, train and road freight move goods from producers to customers as efficiently as possible. Due to our State’s size and our position in the middle of Australia, we need to ensure that freight transport is efficient, productive and safe. By improving our freight corridors we will be growing our competitive advantage and reducing costs for the consumer. We will work with the freight industry to ensure that their needs are met, so they can continue to grow our economy. South Australian roads are vital for passenger and freight transport in our State. We believe that our State roads need improving for safety and productivity reasons, and to make us as competitive as possible with other states towards 2036.

We believe that South Australia can become a world-class State drawing tourists and migrants to live here from interstate and overseas, but in order to achieve this we need a transport system that is user-focussed and responsive to the changing needs of commuters and industry. By working with the public and stakeholders we can build a cost-effective and reliable transport system.
“BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED TO CREATE JOBS”
6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE
We Believe

- Community safety is paramount – emergency services and the justice system must be focused on effectively protecting South Australians from harm and crime.
- The legal system should respond to the needs of all South Australians and uphold the values of fairness and justice at every turn.
- The courts system should uphold personal responsibility and work to rehabilitate criminals to stop them reoffending, especially vulnerable young people.
- Resources need to be used in an efficient manner to provide services which reduce crime and increase safety.
- In ending violence against women and children.
- In preventing crime before it occurs and mitigating potential natural disasters.

How we will achieve this together

6.1 Collaborating with police, emergency services and government agencies to deliver the best possible community safety outcomes.

6.2 Reducing criminal behaviour through efficient, effective policing and a corrections system that reduces reoffending.

6.3 Ensuring that justice is efficient and accessible, and that victims of crime are supported.

6.4 Dealing with emerging trends in crime, as well as entrenched issues such as domestic and family violence and substance abuse.

6.5 Delivering a safer community through a fair and transparent justice system.
We believe that keeping our communities safe is a partnership between government, emergency service agencies, volunteers and the entire community. Safety is a priority for all South Australians – we need to work with emergency services agencies to ensure that their safety priorities are met.

The men and women who work in our emergency services are heroes – they put themselves on the frontline day-in, day-out to protect us, often risking their health and wellbeing in order to keep our families safe. We believe that all emergency services workers deserve the support they need from government to continue protecting our communities.

While we all understand the role played by emergency services employees is vital, we also respect and value the work done by volunteers in the sector. We believe it is the role of government to always consider our emergency services volunteers when developing policies or strategies to ensure they have the support they need to continue caring for and protecting South Australians.

“We need our emergency services agencies to be free from unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape, so they can focus on the job of keeping us safe”

Our emergency services agencies all play a distinct role in South Australia. Each agency has its own identity and structure, and we believe that specialist agencies should be respected and supported so they can focus on their key roles in the community. We do not accept that our emergency services agencies should be combined into one large super department. We need our emergency services agencies to be free from unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape, so they can focus on the job of keeping us safe.

We will work with these agencies to ensure they have the resources and support they need to operate at their absolute best.

Everyone in South Australia deserves to know that if something terrible happens to them or their families, help is not too far away. This is especially important for people in regional communities, who are at heightened risk of bushfires or road accidents. Just because someone lives in the country doesn’t mean they shouldn’t have access to the full range of emergency services. We believe it is vital to ensure a fair spread of resources and support across the State, so you know that help is at hand no matter where you might be.
South Australians deserve a corrections system that is effective in reducing criminal behaviour and making our neighbourhoods safer. Community safety must be the key focus of our police and corrections system — it is, after all, their primary function. Our police and corrections system need to be appropriately supported by government to deliver the outcomes that our community deserves.

We understand how important it is to work with our legal professionals, corrections system and the police force to deliver safer communities by reducing reoffending and criminal behaviour. We also believe it is up to government to work with these experts to deliver an innovative approach to policing, corrections and justice that has real results on the frontline.

Our police force needs to be appropriately resourced to allow them to continue their great work. When government commits the police to achieving certain things, it needs to deliver them the tools and resources to do so. Police will need new tools and resources in the future to combat crime as it evolves, and we believe in delivering on these needs quickly so police can get on with the job of keeping our families safe.

We believe it is vital for government to have a key focus on reducing reoffending. The community suffers when the only thing that criminals learn in prison is how to be better criminals, because eventually they finish their sentence and are released. When they are released, we don’t want them to continue their criminal behaviour and create more victims.

Dangerous offenders need to serve jail time, but while incarcerated, we need to implement programs to reduce the likelihood of them reoffending. People who have previously committed a crime are more likely to commit another crime than those who have never entered the justice system. Providing effective rehabilitation and education programs in prisons and preparing offenders for life on the outside, where they can get a job and contribute to society, must be a central part of any crime reduction strategy.

Overcrowding in our prisons also leads to increased recidivism because rehabilitation programs are stretched and there is less access to support. Overcrowding is an ongoing problem that government must focus on now and towards 2036 to achieve better community safety outcomes and a more efficient prison system.

We believe that helping rehabilitate our young offenders to ensure they do not end up back in a correctional facility should be a high priority for our justice system. Unfortunately, someone who has offended as a minor and spent time in a Youth Training Centre is far more likely than other people to later end up in an adult prison — at a cost to the community and the justice system. The positive impact to the community, both financially and to community safety, of stopping young offenders from reoffending is significant. This is why we believe that better outcomes from our juvenile justice system is key to ensuring safer communities in South Australia.

We believe there are too many young Aboriginal people coming into contact with our criminal justice system. The disproportionate Aboriginal representation in the prison and juvenile justice populations requires an ongoing and collaborative focus by government, the Aboriginal community, NGOs and the wider community. In order for our communities to be fair and equitable, government needs to work to address this issue.

Keeping our communities safe is not just about policing, however, it is also about making sure that the drivers of crime like alcohol and drugs are addressed. We need to stem antisocial behaviours before they become criminal, especially in our vulnerable young people.

To be truly effective in reducing crime, we believe it is vital to take a broad approach in examining the things that drive criminal behaviour. We need to ensure that legislation doesn’t unwittingly promote the ‘business model’ of petty crime by allowing loopholes for criminal organisations to manipulate, and we will work with police to reduce these opportunities.

All South Australians deserve to feel safe in their homes and communities. We will deliver crime prevention programs that will ensure that everyone feels safe in their homes and neighbourhoods.
We believe that South Australia has the ability to greatly improve its national standing when it comes to people accessing justice in a timely and efficient manner. While in recent years a backlog has been allowed to develop in our court system we think that action can be taken by government to improve access to justice.

Justice delayed is justice denied. We will work to cut down court backlogs and reduce costs and waiting times for victims to have their day in court. In order for people to access the justice system in a timely manner, we need court infrastructure that meets our State’s growing demands.

“Justice delayed is justice denied”

We will deliver better outcomes for victims by making use of new technologies and work to speed up the civil justice system. We believe South Australia deserves a twenty-first century justice system that utilises integrated information technology systems to improve efficiencies. Courts, police and corrections workers all have separate computer systems that work in different ways – and there are legacy systems still operating in some agencies. We believe it is vital to address the lack of IT interoperability to significantly improve efficiency and provide a better service for victims of crime.

Access to mediation is also important to our justice system, and we believe it should be maintained and strengthened towards 2036 and beyond. The more people that can successfully settle disputes through mediation, the less pressure on our courts system and the better outcomes for litigants.

An efficient system should strive for seamless interaction between police, court processes, the chain of evidence and offender management. It needs to deliver reduced court waiting times. We need to have confidence in the security and the capacity of our prison system, as well as the appropriate management of offenders undertaking community corrections programs.

We will ensure that all arms of our justice system are working together to improve outcomes for victims and our community.
6.4 Dealing with the causes of crime

We believe that South Australians have every right to expect that they will be protected from dangerous offenders and organised crime. This is why we are committed to taking the necessary steps to ensure that our communities always have the protection we deserve.

As criminals use new methods and technologies against us, our police must be given the expertise and equipment to stay one step ahead. Cyber-crime and the real threats of terrorism demand specific expertise in response. We believe that new innovative technologies must be utilised to ensure that our police are equipped with the best possible tools to fight crime as it evolves.

“We believe government must be committed to delivering the concerted effort needed to tackle the problems of substance abuse”

We believe that any new technology with the ability to improve day-to-day policing must be implemented in a timely manner, so that police and the community can reap the benefits immediately.

Domestic and family violence is abhorrent and tackling these issues are key for the State Liberals. We understand the horrific impacts that domestic and family violence, child abuse and substance abuse are having in our communities. We need to support the work of police in this area with a holistic response from government and the community. We believe services need to be integrated across agencies – we need a whole of agency approach to the causes and consequences of domestic and family violence, substance abuse and child abuse.

The initial police response is critical when any violent assault occurs; it must be timely and involve appropriate police intervention, especially in situations of suspected domestic or family violence. We strongly believe that through the integrated engagement of a range of agencies more can be done to reduce the incidence of domestic and family violence. Better communication between different departments, NGOs and service providers will allow victims and perpetrators to be more easily identified, appropriate actions taken and support provided.

Substance abuse is a major factor in contributing to crime, family breakdowns, lost productivity and broken opportunities across our community. The prevalence of the drug Ice in metropolitan and regional communities has seen the emergence of extraordinary new challenges for families, police, and other agencies. We believe government must be committed to delivering the concerted effort needed to tackle the problems of substance abuse. This may include evidence-based public health campaigns to reduce demand, more health and rehabilitation opportunities for addicts seeking to recover, and cracking down on the organised crime syndicates who sell drugs.
Our community needs a justice system that is fair, transparent, and improves community safety. All of us want to raise our families in a safe environment, free from the threat of violence or crime. We believe the community deserves a fair justice system and a police force that is held in the highest public confidence.

“We must ensure that penalties are effective at punishing criminals and that the harm suffered by victims is repaired or compensated”

The State Liberals have a strong track record in supporting accountability measures. We were the first party in South Australia to introduce legislation to establish an Independent Commission Against Corruption. We believe that the ICAC needs to be more transparent and we will deliver the necessary reforms to ensure that our public integrity measures are the best in the nation so that South Australians can have confidence in their State’s institutions.

By maintaining a consistent and principled approach to justice, we will ensure that our system carries the confidence of the community, and actively contributes to improved community safety. The penalty should fit the crime – and when Parliament has done the work to establish appropriate sentences for offences, the judiciary has the responsibility to deliver justice in line with community expectations.

We need to ensure that penalties are effective at punishing criminals and ensuring that the harm suffered by victims is repaired or compensated as much as possible.

We believe that crime and antisocial behaviour in our communities needs to be addressed. Each community is unique, with different problems that need to be countered. While some neighbourhoods may have problems with graffiti, others may be more concerned by hoon driving or public drunkenness. We will work with our communities to ensure that their individual concerns are met, so that South Australia is a safe and inviting place to live.
“YOU DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE IN YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY”
7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
We Believe

- In protecting our unique environment for a sustainable future
- In the importance of a sustainably productive landscape to grow our State’s economy
- In basing environmental policy decisions on robust, reviewed scientific evidence
- In ensuring that communities, land managers, primary producers and stakeholders are always fully consulted and active participants in environmental management
- In transparent decision making when it comes to the environment
- In the equity and fairness of resources for South Australians

How we will achieve this together

7.1 Promoting scientifically-based evidence rather than empty symbolism

7.2 Prioritise providing resources to hands-on and on-ground efforts

7.3 Genuinely valuing local knowledge and volunteer efforts

7.4 Ensuring access to our enviromental assets for all South Australians

7.5 Protecting the River Murray and our water resources
Our landscape is unique in Australia and internationally, and we believe there is potential to better protect and restore our natural environments, while maintaining our reputation as a scenic natural location. We need South Australia’s natural environmental areas to be protected through rigorous policies informed by the best scientific evidence now and beyond 2036.

In order to ensure that our coastal, bush, desert, suburban, river and lake habitats are given the best chance to be strong and environmentally balanced, government policy needs to utilise the best scientific evidence that is validated by locals on the ground.

For too long environmental policy has been driven by outdated and philosophically driven agendas. It is imperative that our environment, landscape, flora and fauna are understood and managed so they remain healthy and productive for future generations. We must acknowledge that there have been significant environmental changes since European settlement, and incorporate that understanding into our decision making.

We understand that our personal wellbeing and economic prosperity is supported by the environment in which we live. It’s imperative that modern and scientifically appropriate management systems are fostered and implemented.

We will reform the policy making process in this area to ensure that all policy announcements are driven by need and evidence, rather than media opportunities or short term symbolism. This will ensure that all environmental policy will work over the long term and have lasting benefits for our multiple ecosystems and landscapes.

“It’s imperative that modern and scientifically appropriate management systems are fostered and implemented”

We need to use the best scientific evidence available to identify which animal and plant species may be endangered or under threat, and use this scientific expertise to ensure their long term survival.

We think it is essential that reform is undertaken to ensure that all environmental policy is created with the utmost integrity and timeliness. Whilst restoring balance to the department, this reform will also provide confidence to stakeholders and public servants on the day-to-day operations and policy creation of the department.

We understand that there can be no progress in environmental management if local communities, stakeholders and landholders are not given an adequate voice when policies are created and implemented. This is why the State Liberals will always listen to the concerns and needs of locals and stakeholders to ensure that policy decisions take into account their needs, as well as the best possible scientific evidence.
The majority of our environmental management needs to be carried out on the ground, rather than be a policy report in a central office. While policy creation at the department level is vital, we also appreciate the importance of those experts and volunteers on the ground who work so hard to rejuvenate and protect our natural areas.

More resources are needed on the ground to ensure that funds reach those places that need it most. We believe it is essential to reform the way resources are allocated through the department—rather than funnelling more money into bureaucracy or duplication, we will ensure projects at the forefront receive the funding they need to make a real difference. The proper allocation of resources is vital for efficient and effective environmental management.

“Ensuring practical resourcing of programs on the ground will ensure that no environment is disadvantaged due to regional location”

In order to understand what is needed and where, we will work with those on the frontline (including local communities and primary producers) to identify the projects which would have the biggest impact in either reversing existing damage or preventing new issues. The effects of climate change are often noticed first at the community level, just as animal protection issues are usually initially identified locally. Proper resourcing will allow environmental problems to be addressed as soon as they are identified, leading to healthier environments and more effective frontline management.

We will reprioritise resources according to what is needed on the ground, by listening and respecting those who are on the frontline of environmental management. We don’t believe in dictating to those who live and breathe environmental protection daily – instead we think that collaboration is key in protecting our unique environment across South Australia.

Ensuring practical resourcing of programs on the ground will ensure that no environment is disadvantaged due to regional location.
7.3 Valuing our volunteers and local knowledge

We recognise the best, and indeed only, way to foster changes in environmental and landscape management is through grassroots involvement. We will genuinely respect local knowledge and experience, and ensure these voices are heard. We also appreciate the efforts of committed volunteers in their on the ground works.

Volunteers are the backbone of much of South Australia’s environmental management. These groups are the ones who scour beaches for litter, track the progress of endangered animals and look after our heritage assets – amongst many other vital activities. These groups deserve the utmost respect from government for the work they do.

“Our environmental volunteers keep our natural areas balanced and sustainable - they are our unsung heroes”

Like individual ecosystems, not all volunteer and environmental organisations are the same. We understand that a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to environmental policy does a disservice to our State and frontline environmental managers. We want to get the best possible environmental outcomes for South Australia, and this cannot be achieved without utilising local knowledge about the areas in our State which need the most attention.

In order to achieve a better communication pathway between volunteer groups on the ground and the policy makers, we will actively work to re-establish and re-engage with local volunteer groups who may have felt ignored and disenfranchised in the past.

The best results for South Australia will only be achieved by everyone working together to protect our precious natural resources and heritage assets.
We are lucky as South Australians to have so many environmental and heritage assets in our State. The State Liberals believe that our environmental areas should be accessible for everyone to visit, protect and enjoy, now and beyond 2036.

Community access to our national parks, reserves, heritage properties, rivers and beaches allows South Australians to enjoy the best our State has to offer while also driving tourism and sustainable recreation. Our environmental areas should be enjoyed by everyone, not locked away from the people.

While measures must always be taken to ensure that visitors respect and care for our national parks and beaches, we also believe that it is your right as a South Australian to visit the assets that make our State unique.

This includes ensuring the necessary infrastructure to allow South Australians with a disability to enjoy the best of our State.

Every time we take our families to visit our local beach, camp in a national park or picnic in a reserve or garden, we are helping these places remain viable and relevant. Visitors from interstate and overseas who come to experience our unique natural environments contribute to our economy and grow our reputation as a tourism destination.

We believe that government has a role to play in ensuring we grow our share of the tourism market by promoting our State’s natural assets. By protecting our environmental areas and maintaining responsible and sustainable access for the public, we will be able to capitalise from the economic injection of tourism, and in turn, return these funds to further strengthen our environmental management.

In 2036 we want South Australia to have grown its reputation as a haven for environmental tourism and easily accessible natural beauty.

“Government has a role to play in ensuring we grow our share of the tourism market by promoting our State’s natural assets”
The future of our State in 2036 and beyond depends upon the ongoing health and viability of our vital water resources. The River Murray is the lifeblood of our regions and our cities, and we must always remain committed to maintaining our water security.

Not only is the River Murray a major tourism drawcard and ecological backbone, it is also vitally important to supporting our primary producers and State economy. If the River Murray was to fail, our State would face an unprecedented environmental disaster which would cripple us indefinitely. The State Liberals understand this and are committed to ensuring that this never eventuates.

We need to secure the health of our natural environment to ensure clean, quality water is available for the environment and water users. We can secure the future of our biggest river by ensuring the Murray Darling Basin Plan is fully implemented by 2019 and further enhanced by additional flows to provide ongoing water security for you and your family.

Another important step in protecting our water resources is for government to take a proactive approach to mitigate and reduce the impact of climate change on the Murray Darling Basin and subsidiaries. We will always use the best scientific evidence to drive our environmental management and protect our vital water resources.

“The River Murray is the lifeblood of our regions and our cities, and we must always remain committed to maintaining our water security”
“WE LIVE IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. WE MUST PROTECT IT.”
EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE
OUR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SECTORS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. FESTIVALS, SPORTING EVENTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS ARE CENTRAL TO HOW WE CELEBRATE AND RELAX WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND ALLOW EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE BEST OF OUR UNIQUE STATE.

8.0

We Believe

- In celebrating the unique culture of South Australia
- In supporting local community sporting and cultural organisations
- In strengthening our cultural industries so they have a sustainable future
- In celebrating the unique contributions and needs of our culturally diverse community

How we will achieve this together

8.1 Supporting our communities and grassroots organisations, assisting them to build capacity and be sustainable

8.2 Championing the best of South Australia’s unique culture interstate and overseas

8.3 Investing in the renewal of South Australia’s cultural and sporting infrastructure

8.4 Working with communities to create a long term vision and strategic partnerships to grow our cultural sectors

8.5 Celebrating and embracing the contributions our vibrant Aboriginal and multicultural cultures make to our communities
Local organisations and events, both sporting and cultural, are the heart and soul of our communities. Whether at the football club, or a multicultural festival, or the performance of the local amateur theatre troupe, these are places where we feel most connected to our community.

We want to assist local organisations to strengthen and build capacity so they are able to withstand economic fluctuations and remain sustainable community hubs into the future.

Often our community sporting, arts and cultural organisations are run by volunteers who give up countless hours to keep their organisation running, while at the same time working to attract new members and participants.

Volunteers are vital to the survival and growth of cultural organisations in South Australia; we want to make it as easy as possible for new members or volunteers to be active in local groups. This is why red tape and bureaucratic barriers that stand in the way of membership should be removed or simplified. Joining a new club is fun, and we want it to be simple too.

Just as major events are fantastic ways of generating tourism and exposure for South Australia, we believe that grassroots cultural, art and sporting organisations are critically important to our unique cultural fibre. The regions and local communities should be supported as strongly as the larger festivals or one-off blockbuster sporting games. The cultural and recreational sector needs to be reinvigorated at all levels.

We believe government has a role in looking for opportunities to benefit our existing organisations and supporting them to take advantage of new audiences or economic prospects, while also maximising our major events and attracting new ones.

We believe that it is also vital to work with the arts community, in particular to ensure that young talent stays in South Australia. We understand that by supporting emerging small-to-medium artistic enterprises we will be giving young artists a space to develop their skills. These smaller art organisations are where many artists first ‘cut their teeth’ in the sector – we need to ensure that these organisations are supported as incubators of future growth and jobs.

Given that cultural and sporting organisations best fulfil their mission when they are not vulnerable to the ebbs and flows of government funding, we will work to develop broad-base support and sustainability in our cultural, art and recreational organisations.

“It is vital to work with the arts community, to ensure that young talent stays in South Australia”
South Australia has a unique culture – we value those things that make our way of life a cut above the rest of Australia. Who we are, how we live, how we celebrate – even how we speak – sets us apart from the other states. Our vibrant creative and recreational sectors are a key element of our identity as South Australians and how visitors engage with our State.

We want to champion the creative organisations and events that both showcase South Australia to the world and that make it such a special place to live. We are proud to be South Australian.

All South Australians should also be extraordinarily proud of our cultural institutions. From grass-roots cultural organisations to our world class festivals and cultural icons, we have always punched above our weight. The State Liberals will ensure that we continue to do so now and into the future.

While the rest of the world may have heard of Sydney or the Gold Coast, we remain a relatively hidden treasure. We believe that our tourism industry needs government assistance to not only increase awareness about what we offer as a destination, but also to grow jobs and fuel our economy.

Our world-class creative arts sector, festivals and major sporting events are critical in attracting new visitors to our State. We understand that in order for these industries to grow, government needs to be both an industry champion and partner.

Our cultural and sporting organisations have an inherent economic potential that can be better harnessed through an organised and strategic approach. Government should work more effectively with our arts and sporting sectors to evolve a strategically coordinated calendar of events and promotion strategies to maximise new tourist numbers from growth markets both interstate and overseas.

While audiences and visitors from further afield are important to the growth of our cultural institutions and tourism markets, local audiences and spectators are vital to ensuring our State’s cultural and sporting organisations stay connected and viable. We will work with grassroots organisations to help South Australians engage in the fantastic opportunities available to them.

Building local audiences is particularly vital for our arts sector. There must be a focus on growing our audiences and expanding the reach of arts companies in Adelaide and our regional centres. Our young artistic industry professionals need to have the right opportunities to create viable career pathways here in South Australia. Our arts community needs to be sustainable year round, not just in Mad March.

“Our world-class creative arts sector, festivals and major sporting events are critical in attracting new visitors to our State”

By championing our cultural industries at the local level, we will help organisations connect with a domestic audience and grow their membership and capacity.

We also understand how important it is to recognise and celebrate the cultural communities across the State that contribute so much to making South Australia such a special place to live. We think it is a great strength of our State that so many vibrant communities add colour and passion; we will continue to work with these groups to ensure they remain an integral part of our proud State into the future.
In order for our State to be competitive nationally and internationally in hosting sporting and major events to foster world-class talent, we need to have the best cultural and recreational infrastructure available.

Much of our recreational, sporting and cultural infrastructure is in need of an upgrade, at both the local level and professional level.

In order to attract world-class international events, we need facilities with the capacity to host such events. More major shows and events would have flow-on effects for jobs in cultural and sporting industries and encourage new visitors to come to South Australia.

We understand the need to provide investment and support for infrastructure at the grassroots level. Local sporting clubs and cultural organisations need tools at their disposal to foster new talent and contribute to their communities.

In recent years, the gap between funding requests for recreation and sport and the available money has grown, severely impacting upon the capacity of our grassroots clubs and young athletes.

Too often, it is the grassroots organisations which miss out on government funding and support, forced to make do with ageing club rooms or inappropriate rehearsal spaces. We think there needs to be a refocussing on the needs of cultural organisations at the local level, ensuring we reap maximum benefit from our existing infrastructure.

In order for our grassroots clubs to produce talent while also attracting new members, they need facilities that are both safe and functional. Members should be spending their time rehearsing or training, rather than worrying about maintenance or whether their facility meets regulatory standards.

Sustainability of these organisations is vital to ensure that South Australia continues to punch above its weight when it comes to our creative and sporting output. Good facilities encourage membership and participation. We will work with organisations to provide the infrastructure they need to increase membership, be accessible, grow participation and become sustainable.

“We need world class facilities to support our world class talent”

We also strongly believe that women in sport need to have the same access to sporting infrastructure as their male colleagues. Professional sporting venues must be fully equipped with female change rooms and other facilities to ensure that our outstanding sportswomen are given every chance to succeed.
8.4 Creating a long-term strategic vision to grow our cultural sectors

We believe that South Australia’s cultural and sporting sectors need a long-term strategic vision to allow them to plan, collaborate and work towards a sustainable and vibrant future. Currently, there is no effective road-map to help the creative or sporting sectors understand the direction that their industries are taking.

“Long term strategies are vital in ensuring a rich sporting and creative culture”

A comprehensive, cohesive vision across sectors would allow new creative companies and organisations to have confidence in the direction of South Australia. We believe the ‘end goal’ is an excellent, engaged and accessible arts sector, and a strong, growing and competitive sporting sector.

As Liberals, we don’t believe that government policy in the arts or sporting sector should be created in a vacuum – funding must have a purpose, new infrastructure should service multiple needs, and all decisions should contribute to a stronger industry.

Such a vision cannot be articulated without the full collaboration and involvement of our cultural communities and industry stakeholders; government needs to listen to the sector. We believe it is vital to work with grassroots organisations, local government, federal government and communities to ensure our cultural capital has a long term growth vision and the broad partnership needed to deliver it.

We also believe that a fundamental part of any long-term strategic vision for the sporting industry needs to have a focus on encouraging participation by women, and supporting and encouraging our professional sportswomen. Pathways into professional sport for women need to be explored and strengthened, to ensure equality of opportunity in what has been a male-dominated industry.

Sustainability is key, especially when discussing the future of our creative industries in South Australia. We believe it is important that our arts sector is focussed on growth and financial viability; celebrating our great artists and professionals, we will strive to attract more young artists and professionals to our State.
Aboriginal South Australians are our State’s oldest inhabitants – long before South Australia even existed as a State, around 40 to 50 distinct Aboriginal language groups lived across the region. The rich and diverse culture of our Aboriginal communities continues today, as evidenced by their indelible impact upon the arts and cultural scene in South Australia.

“Young Aboriginal South Australians deserve the opportunity to learn about their traditional language, customs and stories”

We believe it is important to support our Aboriginal communities to continue their cultural activities, grow their arts scene and teach the wider South Australian community about their unique cultures. Young Aboriginal South Australians deserve the opportunity to learn about their traditional language, customs and stories to ensure we never lose these links to South Australia’s Aboriginal culture and history.

South Australia’s rich multicultural tradition has also shaped our State to become the vibrant and colourful place it is today. From the significant impact of our Italian and Greek communities, to the burgeoning Indian and Chinese communities and the hustle and bustle of the multicultural Adelaide Central Market, South Australia would be unrecognisable without our culturally diverse population.

Our children are better equipped as global citizens when growing up in a diverse and inclusive society.

We want to see our multicultural communities, festivals and events continue well into the future. Just as Hahndorf and the Barossa have kept their proud German heritage, we envisage a South Australia that is proud of its roots and where its people come from.

Our vibrant multicultural community has helped to nourish a relaxed, creative and open society – but our geographic isolation has meant we have had to embrace the international tourism market form a unique angle. We believe that our vibrant multicultural community presents new opportunities to leverage our connections with the world – and opens up new doors to economic development, tourism and educational opportunities.

We will continue to work with and listen to our Aboriginal and multicultural communities to ensure that their needs are met and their contributions are celebrated as we approach our bicentenary in 2036.
“FROM HANS HEYSEN TO LLEYTON HEWITT, SA PRODUCES THE NATION’S BEST CREATIVE & SPORTING TALENT.”
RUNNING AN EFFICIENT & STABLE GOVERNMENT
We Believe

- The public service is one of our State's greatest assets, able to drive change in South Australia when given the freedom and respect it needs to unleash its potential.
- The public service should be free from political interference, with a premium placed on frank and fearless advice, with jobs won on merit, not as rewards for political loyalty.
- The public service can be a place of innovation, where people are encouraged and supported to come up with creative solutions to the challenges facing South Australia.
- Governments must use taxpayers' resources in an efficient way by keeping costs in check, avoiding waste and investing in projects with a positive benefit for South Australians.
- Government budgets should be carefully planned and managed to avoid burdening South Australian families and businesses with higher taxes and state debt.
- A responsible government should always seek to lower the costs imposed on families and businesses.
- Elected Members of Parliament and public servants are accountable to South Australians and must act with utmost integrity in their use of resources and interactions with communities.

How we will achieve this together

9.1 Valuing the public service and investing in its future
9.2 Making South Australia productive through innovation and collaboration
9.3 Providing high quality services in an efficient way, eliminating waste and overspending
9.4 Balancing the budget and reducing state debt over the long-term
9.5 Reducing cost of living for families and households
9.6 Reducing the cost of doing business
9.7 Cutting red tape and modernising regulation
The State Liberals will give the public service the freedom and respect it deserves, while investing in the skills of those working in the sector.

As any successful organisation knows, the productivity of its human and physical capital is the key to realising its full potential. South Australia is fortunate to have a highly capable workforce, with our public sector employees working with government to drive change in our State’s economy and society.

“We will invest in our public service, providing training and development opportunities and allowing them to carve out career pathways in the public sector”

The public service is a significant part of our State’s workforce and it is this workforce which provides the government with the skills, ideas, characters and physical capacity to make things happen. Our public service has the potential to help transform South Australia and we believe they should be given the capacity to do so.

For too long our public service has been the victim of politicisation, contrary to the principles underlying the Public Sector Management Act, with senior positions handed out as rewards for political loyalty. Such an approach tears the heart out of the public service, undermining the concept of merit selection and crushing morale among thousands of public servants who see their own career paths stymied as political favours are fulfilled.

The State Liberals believe in the power of human potential and that includes within the public service. We will value the public service. We will empower people at all levels of government departments to do their jobs well, confident that they will be supported when they come up with new ideas and better ways to deliver services.

We will invest in our public service, providing training and development opportunities and allowing them to carve out career pathways in the service, pathways which also encourage time spent in the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Under a State Liberal Government the public service will be strong, healthy and confident and it will be a key partner in transforming South Australia now and towards 2036.
As a community, we are increasingly expecting more from less; to receive more and better quality goods and services from the same or fewer dollars.

To meet this challenge and to maintain the high standard of living we currently enjoy, we need to improve the productivity of our workforce across our public, private and not-for-profit sectors by exploring new ideas and embracing new technologies and innovation.

“We will encourage public servants to explore creative solutions, develop new ideas and innovate across sectors”

Technology and innovation provide the two key opportunities for improving the outcomes achieved by our already talented workforce. Investment in new technologies along with appropriate support in the implementation of these technologies, will be critical for South Australia to compete and succeed in the modern, globalised economy.

The State Liberals are committed to enhancing the productivity of both the public and private sectors in order to create new opportunities and support job creation throughout South Australia. We will do this by working in partnership with the Federal Government, the university sector and the private sector to encourage and promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurialism, as well as the adoption of new technologies.

We believe that the establishment of a state-based Productivity Commission will play a key role in identifying how South Australia can achieve the productivity gains in the public and private sectors, which will unlock new opportunities and create new jobs in our State.

South Australia is facing significant economic and social challenges. These difficulties cannot be solved by any one sector of our workforce; instead we need the public, private and not-for-profit sectors to work together to discover and implement solutions.

A key role of the public service should be identifying opportunities to work with other sectors and to forge partnerships which deliver for South Australia. The State Liberals will place great value on the public service building strong relationships with the private and not-for-profit sectors, looking for ways to support and maintain these connections.

We will encourage public servants to explore creative solutions, develop new ideas and innovate across sectors.
South Australians deserve high quality services from their government; from enrolling your child in a local school, to driving on a public road, visiting a relative in hospital, or registering your car online, you use government services at every turn.

We believe that government services should be simple to use and efficient – your time is important and shouldn’t be wasted. Equally, we think that government services and infrastructure should be an efficient use of taxpayer dollars and minimise unnecessary waste.

Our families and businesses make significant contributions towards the cost of providing these services through a range of government taxes, fees and charges, amounting to billions of your taxpayer dollars every year.

In using taxpayers’ funds to provide services, government must ensure that they are maximising the efficiency of these funds, delivering more doctors, nurses, teachers and construction projects for every dollar spent, and minimising needless paperwork, bureaucracy and waste.

When government fails to maximise the number and quality of services provided for in the State Budget, everyday South Australians are the ones who suffer. A dollar wasted by government is a dollar that cannot be spent on reducing our class sizes, employing an extra nurse, or improving a section of the state’s road network.

As Liberals, we believe in improving the quality of outcomes achieved for South Australians by managing taxpayer funds carefully; responsible government uses your money to benefit you through better services, rather than duplicating unnecessary red tape.

We understand how vital it is that we reduce waste and deliver on our budgets without overspending. Reducing or eliminating waste and overspending will allow more to be spent on the services that actually matter to South Australians instead of being spent within government departments.

“We believe that government services should be simple to use and efficient - your time is important”

Key examples of the type of waste we will eliminate include:

• Allowing capital projects to exceed approved budgets by hundreds of millions of dollars
• Giving excessive termination payments to executives
• Spending hundreds of millions on Targeted Voluntary Separation Packages without reducing the overall size of the public sector
• Cancelling major IT projects before completion
• Excessive spending on party political government advertising and Ministerial spin doctors.

We will always work to identify key areas of waste and overspending within government so that we can eliminate this waste and provide South Australians with the high quality services they deserve.
Balancing a government budget is much like managing your household expenses: you cannot spend more than you are able to bring in. Unfortunately South Australia has struggled under multiple government budget deficits over recent years – in some cases as high as $1.1 billion – which has resulted in a massive increase in state debt and a big interest bill.

We don’t believe that South Australian taxpayers should be footing the bill for wasteful government spending. You are already working hard to manage your household and business finances, you should not have to pay down government debt accumulated through wasteful spending. Interest and repayments on government debt reduce the amount that can be spent on vital community services or returned to taxpayers through lower taxes.

While balancing the budget should always be a top government priority, we also believe that debt can be a useful tool for improving prosperity when it is used for investment in productive assets, which will create jobs and grow South Australia’s economy.

Like every household and business in South Australia, the government cannot indefinitely add to the state’s debt. At some point, South Australian taxpayers will need to repay this debt. Until the state’s debt is repaid, South Australians will be paying hundreds of millions of dollars in interest on this debt.

“You should not have to pay down government debt accumulated through wasteful spending ”

The State Liberals will balance the State Budget to ensure taxpayers’ money is being spent on the things that matter to everyday South Australians, while reducing the State’s debt over the long term.
All South Australians deserve a comfortable life, yet cost of living pressures are severely affecting many families and households, with Government taxes, fees and charges being significant contributors to these cost of living pressures.

There is a cost in providing government services due to the investment required to build the infrastructure and run the organisations that deliver these services. Those who can afford to pay these associated costs should make a contribution, however there is an issue with the prices charged for accessing many of these services.

Government taxes, fees and charges should not unduly add to the cost of living for South Australian families and households.

We believe it is important to strike the right balance between providing goods and services at a standard that is consistent with society’s expectations, while also ensuring all South Australians can access goods and services in a fair and equitable manner.

“We are committed to reducing the cost of living for South Australian families”

We are committed to taking the actions necessary to reduce cost of living pressures. This is why we have already promised to provide cost of living relief on Emergency Services Levy bills by $90 million per year for struggling South Australian families and businesses.

We believe it is vital to work with stakeholders, including community groups and economic and regulatory experts, to examine how Government taxes, fees and charges are adversely impacting South Australians. We are committed to reducing the cost of living pressures to end the hardship experienced by many South Australian families.
South Australia has some of Australia’s most innovative and entrepreneurial businesses, and has a proud history of attracting people and investment from around the world to start and grow businesses here.

“South Australia must be an attractive place for businesses to invest”

Despite our success in some areas, South Australia’s business environment remains uncompetitive in several aspects, meaning fewer jobs and fewer opportunities for job creation. Many of our business taxes are higher than other states, while our utility prices are amongst the highest in the nation.

When businesses consider where to invest their capital and employ people, they consider a range of factors, including relative rates of return, risk, and opportunities for growth. State taxes, fees and charges all influence these factors and can discourage investment and job creation in South Australia. We need to ensure that our State is an attractive place for businesses to invest through our broad policy settings.

We need to reduce the cost of doing business in South Australia in order to attract new investment to create more jobs and prosperity for all South Australians.

The State Liberals have a strong track record of working to reduce the cost of doing business in South Australia, and we are committed to making South Australia a cost-effective jurisdiction.

We believe it is vital that government delivers policies that reduce the cost of doing business and encourage investment to facilitate job creation in all sectors of the South Australian economy.
Although the outcomes sought by regulation are typically positive and necessary in many areas, poorly designed or outdated regulation imposes a range of costs on society, including the financial costs of compliance and the restriction of choice and job creation opportunities.

Regulation should be simple, equitable and relevant.

This means:

• The intended outcomes of regulation need to be achieved without imposing any unnecessary costs
• Regulation applicable to one group needs to be applied to all in that group equally
• If the outcome sought by regulation changes or is no longer relevant, the regulation needs to evolve to reflect that change

The State Liberals are committed to bringing a new approach to regulation. This is why we have already committed to establishing a state-based Productivity Commission, to review and remove all unnecessary regulation, and modernise and simplify regulation that has become outdated or which imposes unnecessary costs on South Australian businesses and families.

“We must ensure unnecessary red tape is not imposed on employers, businesses and families”

As Liberals, we understand that it is important to ensure that any new regulation minimises the costs imposed on South Australians. We will work with stakeholders during the drafting of new regulation to ensure unnecessary red tape is not imposed on businesses and families.
“CUTTING RED TAPE AND UNNECESSARY TAXES WILL PUT MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKET”
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