

THE GST

NO INCREASE

2036



Marshall
LIBERAL TEAM

2036

WILL MARK OUR STATE'S BICENTENARY

By the time our State turns 200 years old, I want South Australia to be a place of prosperity.

Planning and delivering on my vision for a better future starts now.

This policy is just part of our plan to deliver a clear and responsible pathway to recovery and success.

See where it fits in below

1.0 GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- 1.1 Reducing the tax burden on South Australian businesses and households to ease employment costs and relieve household budgets

2.0 THE BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM

3.0 BEING A HEALTHY STATE

4.0 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

5.0 BUILDING OUR STATE

6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE

7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE

9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT

- 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



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Annual Budget by Month				
May	June	July	August	September
\$7,300	\$9,125	\$12,950	\$13,895	\$15,000
\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$3,675	\$3,675	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

THE PROBLEM

South Australian families and businesses already face significant cost pressures.

These pressures can severely impact on quality of life for people and families. They also affect the ability of businesses to invest more in job creation.

The tax burden on individuals, family household budgets and businesses is a key contributor to these pressures.

In early 2016 there was a nationwide public debate about increasing the rate of goods and services tax (GST) from 10% to 15% - a 50% rise in one hit.

The Federal Government ruled out the proposal because there would be no significant economic benefit. The need to provide compensation to ensure the change was equitable meant it could not be justified economically.

The South Australian Labor Government, however, openly advocated this massive rise in the GST rate.

In doing so, Labor admitted it had not undertaken any economic modelling of the impacts.

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In other words, the Weatherill Government wanted us all to pay much more in GST without giving any thought to how this would affect people, families and businesses.

But that's the Labor way – to continue increasing the overall tax burden on all of us.

When the Howard Coalition Government introduced the GST as a tax reform measure, many other taxes were reduced or abolished. That's the Liberal way, to limit the tax burden.

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THE STATE LIBERALS PLAN

A Marshall Liberal Government will oppose any moves to increase the tax burden on South Australian families and businesses

If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will oppose any moves to increase the tax burden on South Australian families and businesses through the GST.

This includes:

- Any increase in the GST rate from the current 10 percent
- Broadening the base of the GST to include goods and services that were excluded when the tax was introduced
- Applying the GST to financial services and products, such as home loans, credit cards or other personal loans

A Marshall Liberal Government will also protect South Australia's position in the current process of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (the distribution of funds to the states and territories by the Federal Government), ensuring our State receives its fair share.

Our health and education systems are in desperate need of reform that directs funding to frontline services and reduces unnecessary bureaucracy. This is the way to improve service delivery without costing taxpayers much more.

“I want South Australian families and business to pay as little tax as is necessary to provide the services we need without putting a handbrake on our economy”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader

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