

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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Marshall
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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

- 1.2 Reducing the tax burden on South Australian businesses and households to ease employment costs and relieve household budgets
- 1.6 Cutting red tape and unnecessary regulation that inhibit growth, allowing businesses to focus on creating more jobs

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

- 9.1 Valuing the public service and investing in its future
- 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
- 9.6 Reducing the cost of doing business
- 9.7 Cutting red tape and modernising regulation



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THE PROBLEM

The State Government employs more than 12 per cent of South Australia's workforce.

As the State's largest employer, with about 100,000 employees, what it does affects not only the quality of public services we rely on, but the productivity of the entire state economy and the living standards of us all.

After almost 16 years of Labor, the State Government has become a major drag on the economy, taxing and regulating us more, costing jobs and hindering economic growth.

State taxes are higher than anywhere else in Australia and there is record state debt hanging over not only the current generation, but our children and their children.

South Australia trails the national average of labour productivity. We have been falling behind for too long.

Under Labor, government has become much more involved in our daily lives. The more laws and regulations we have, the more they cost us to implement and administer.

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But often, this red tape is unnecessary or inefficiently applied and stops businesses employing more people, while the services government provides, like water and public transport, have become dearer, adding significantly to cost of living pressures.

After so long under Labor, we need to give our public service a new future so that it is doing what we really need in efficient and innovative ways which keep our taxes and other costs down.

We want all our public servants to have jobs that are satisfying and encourage career progression while at the same time contributing to a more productive South Australia.

THE STATE LIBERALS' PLAN

The Productivity Commission will focus on getting our economy back on track.

If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will establish the South Australian Productivity Commission.

The Productivity Commission will focus on getting our economy back on track. It will do this by providing advice on issues identified by the Government such as:

- improving the State's financial position
- regulatory reform to cut red tape
- improving government service delivery
- economic reform (including energy markets and reviews of other industry sectors as requested by the Premier).

In conducting its work, the Commission will have regard to the need for South Australia to:

- increase public and private sector productivity
- increase private sector employment
- improve living standards through alleviating cost of living pressures.

The commission will give priority to regulatory and service delivery matters. This will include how we empower people at all levels of government to do their jobs well by developing better ways to deliver services and administer regulations.

A further significant task of the commission will be to undertake research and provide advice on major issues affecting economic development and industry.

It will also provide advice on how government can better support our regions, small business and other vital sectors of our economy where government policies and performance most directly affect businesses and their ability to expand and create jobs.

The Productivity Commission will provide a Marshall Liberal Government with information and advice to support the actions it will take to give the South Australian public sector a new future and much greater capacity to contribute to the state's economic recovery and growth.

“Through our Productivity Commission we will focus on reducing regulations and improving service delivery and State finances to support South Australia’s economic recovery.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader

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