GREENER NEIGHBOURHOODS
KEEPING OUR SUBURBAN STREETS GREEN

2036
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
2.0 THE BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM
3.0 BEING A HEALTHY STATE
4.0 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES
5.0 BUILDING OUR STATE
  5.0 Ensuring we have inclusive and liveable city centres and regional hubs
6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE
7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
  7.4 Ensuring access to our environmental assets for all South Australians
8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE
9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT
“As development in our suburbs intensifies, we need to keep our trees.”
THE PROBLEM

Significant pressure is being placed on our urban environments as the State Government vigorously pursues its urban development infill agenda.

The government’s ‘30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide’ has a target of increasing infill from 70% of new developments to 85% in established urban areas, including Gawler Township.

Meanwhile, Adelaide’s tree coverage is amongst the lowest of the state capitals. Its proportion of tree canopy is 27% - less than half Hobart’s, which is the highest at 59%.*

There are also marked variations between Adelaide suburbs. A 2020 Vision report breaks down the tree canopy within each of Adelaide’s 19 metropolitan council areas. The proportion of tree coverage ranges from 44% in the Adelaide Hills to only 12% in Port Adelaide Enfield.

* Tree canopy coverage has been measured and reported on in a report by 2020 Vision.
THE STATE LIBERALS’ PLAN

Our plan will enhance the existing street tree management plans of councils, ensuring the roll out of street tree planting involves the local community.

The Greening our Neighbourhoods initiative will further support greening targets within The 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide.

We want to ensure South Australia retains its unique natural beauty, and by increasing natural vegetation we can reduce the severity of the ‘heat island effect’ within our urban areas, encouraging happy and healthy communities.

Trees help to improve air quality, visual amenity and liveability as well as providing shade. They are also a haven for birdlife.

If elected in 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will provide funding through local councils to help keep our suburban streets green.

Street trees provide enormous benefits to our neighbourhoods, enhancing social and environmental outcomes and increasing the liveability of suburbia.

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A Marshall Liberal Government will work with local government to implement a ‘Greening our Neighbourhoods’ initiative.
“We will work with local councils to help keep our suburban streets green.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader
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