TRANSPARENCY FOR MAJOR CONTRACTS
WORKING EFFICIENTLY TO ELIMINATE OVERSpending

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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
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7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE

9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT

9.3 Providing high quality services in an efficient way, eliminating waste and overspending
“Parliamentary scrutiny of major projects is important to protect taxpayers”
THE PROBLEM

The Weatherill Government's mismanagement of major projects has cost taxpayers dearly.

The prime example is the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

It has cost taxpayers $600 million more than the Government said it would.

The hospital's opening has been long delayed and disputes between the government and major investors and contractors involved in the project have badly affected South Australia's reputation as a good place in which to do business.

The hospital project has been undertaken as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP).

When managed well, PPPs offer the opportunity to achieve better value for money in the development of infrastructure through the public and private sectors working together and sharing resources on major projects.

But that doesn’t mean such arrangements should be undertaken without parliamentary scrutiny.

The Weatherill Government did not require Parliament's Public Works Committee to examine the PPP for the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and look at what has happened.

Delays in the opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital has cost taxpayer's dearly.
If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will ensure that PPP projects undergo proper parliamentary scrutiny.

The State Government has a responsibility to the people of South Australia to ensure that it is open and accountable in its dealings and that means PPPs should be examined by parliament.

To do this, a Marshall Liberal Government will ensure PPPs are referred to a Parliamentary Committee for evaluation.

While the private sector is involved in PPPs, ultimately taxpayers’ money is on the line and there has to be some parliamentary oversight. That is what accountability, transparency and good governance mean, and a Liberal Government will apply these standards.

Parliamentary scrutiny won’t delay projects and it will protect the right of taxpayers to know that their money is being managed properly.
“We will honour our responsibility to the people of South Australia to ensure their government is open and accountable.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader
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