



COMMITTEE FOR  
ADELAIDE

# 2026

# STATE ELECTION

# PRIORITIES VS COMMITMENTS



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**ABOUT THE COMMITTEE FOR ADELAIDE:**

# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## ABOUT

The Committee for Adelaide is an independent, non-partisan organisation that brings together business, industry, and community to shape the future of Adelaide, South Australia.

## VISION

For Adelaide and South Australia to be the most extraordinary, big thinking, welcoming and vibrant global city, with a growing economy and population.

## MISSION

To provide independent thought leadership, advocate for collective action and influence policy for the benefit of our state, both now and into the future.

## MEMBERS

Our membership is diverse and influential, representing the full spectrum of the local economy. Our members are progressive and proud South Australian businesses and organisations that make a significant contribution to the state's economy and society. Collectively, we have a shared commitment to shaping the future of Adelaide, South Australia, now and in the future.

# 2026 State Election Priorities

The Committee for Adelaide's pre-election priorities  
focused on five key themes:



## Housing

Prioritise urban infill over urban sprawl and do density well.



## Infrastructure

Ensure Adelaide is a well connected, accessible and vibrant city.



## Economy

Boost productivity and innovation to drive sustainable growth.



## Climate Change

Accelerate action and adaptation on the pathway to Net Zero.



## Health & Wellbeing

Support and enhance community health and wellbeing.

Please refer to the Committee's [Pre-Election Priorities](#) for full details.

# 2026 State Election Commitments

Key **SA Labor Party** commitments and policies that align with the Committee for Adelaide's pre-election priorities and advocacy themes:

## Housing



- \$500M Housing FastTrack Fund to provide government with greater flexibility to secure strategic parcels of land for housing.
- \$500M Apartment Fast-Track Fund to unlock apartment developments and accelerate housing in the Adelaide CBD.
- \$280M to build 1,250 'Rent To Own' homes.
- A new Portable Rental Bonds Scheme.
- Full stamp duty relief to encourage older residents to downsize.

## Transport & Infrastructure



- \$13M to open public schools for use for arts, sport, recreation and community groups, when not being used by the school.
- \$200M package to fund key infrastructure in Mount Barker.
- \$12.8M to expand the MetroCard zone to Murray Bridge.
- Bus services from Murray Bridge-Mount Barker and Murray Bridge-Adelaide.
- Various road safety and efficiency improvements, including Horrocks Highway and Adelaide / Hawthorn roads in Mount Barker.
- \$3.5M to develop an Australian first battery passenger train trial.

## Education & Skills



- Public education package including \$210M to upgrade classrooms and buildings, \$148M to abolish public school fees, \$45.5M for OSHC services and \$19M for free Year 7 camps.
- \$29M Housing Skills package including more apprenticeships, construction pathway courses and university places.
- \$27M AUKUS Skills package including apprenticeships, scholarships, upskilling / reskilling, defence industry incentives and STEM pathways.
- \$13M medical school training centre in Mount Gambier.

## Economy



- \$12M for industry partnership program to strengthen resources sector.
- Long-term domestic gas supply agreement with Santos to help underpin industrial transformation of the state.
- SA Water, industrial water projects including the Northern Water Project and State Strategic Gas Reserve under a new SA Gas & Water Trust
- \$20M funding for the Adelaide Fringe over four years.

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## Climate Change & Environment



- \$5M to clean and revitalise rivers and waterways.
- World heritage for the Flinders Ranges and Great Australian Bight.
- \$1.2M for nature-based tourism upgrades.
- Target of 100% net renewables by 2027.
- Ongoing rollout of measures to restore our marine environment.
- \$13M for conservation and natural heritage.
- \$6.6M plan to boost recreational fishing.

## Health & Wellbeing



- \$250M no-interest aged care loan scheme for 650 new aged care beds.
- Transform old W&CH site into Health & Aged Care Precinct.
- Dedicated mental health assessment units at RAH, Lyell McEwin and Noarlunga.
- Three more 24/7 pharmacies.
- Regional health investments including new ER at Clare Hospital and a new maternity ward, birthing and renal unit at Murray Bridge Memorial Hospital.
- Planning for a new Greater Northern Adelaide Hospital at Concordia.
- \$8M for Ronald McDonald House to relocate and expand.
- \$60M for Cancer Council SA northern accommodation lodge.

## Cost of Living



- Expansion of eligibility for the Seniors Card to assist 80,000 additional older South Australians with the cost-of-living.
- Abolishing public school fees.
- Portable Rental Bonds.
- \$6M over four years to fund homelessness services at Catherine House, Hutt Street Centre and St Vincent de Paul.

## The Committee continues to advocate to all sides of government for...

- **Implementation of the State Transport Strategy** to deliver a more integrated, efficient and sustainable multimodal transport system.
- **Improving active transport safety and connectivity across Greater Adelaide**, with a \$10M ongoing annual investment in active transport infrastructure.
- **Increasing investment and deployment of EV infrastructure and charging stations** and incentivising electric and hybrid vehicle take-up.
- **Greater support for arts infrastructure** and a 'Cultural Infrastructure Plan'.
- **Laser-like focus on boosting productivity and regulatory reform.**
- **An overarching R&D Strategy and Growth Accelerator Program.**
- **Greater investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation** strategies.
- **Increasing tree canopy, greening and biodiversity targets by 30%** by 2030.
- **Greater capital investment in technology, data systems and innovation across public health.**
- **Ensure young people's views are heard and considered in decision-making.**

# 2026 State Election Commitments

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## Housing



- \$40M Build Better Fund to provide low interest finance and grants for builders to invest in fixed plant and equipment and pursue Modern Methods of Construction such as 3D printing and modular construction.
- No stamp duty for first home buyers for existing properties up to \$1M and waiver of the mortgage registration fee.
- \$15K stamp duty relief for downsizers up to a property value of \$1.2M.
- Home Battery Scheme and new Solar for Renters Scheme.

## Transport & Infrastructure



- 50 cent Adelaide Metro fares.
- \$1B over four years for road maintenance.
- On-demand bus services in key regional areas, new direct service from Murray Bridge to Adelaide and road infrastructure fund for Mount Barker and the Hills.
- \$8M for a park and ride facility at Verdun.
- \$211M for Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass.
- \$15M for 3rd lane on SE Freeway down track (Hahndorf to Bridgewater).
- \$10M for lighting and facilities along the River Torrens Linear Park.

## Education & Skills



- \$120M for maintenance and infrastructure at public schools and doubling of annual grants for capital works at non-public schools by \$12.7M a year.
- \$130M for the Boosting South Australian Apprentices Program and a \$10K bonus to incentivise mature age apprentices to the construction industry.
- \$162M for nurse and midwife training, retention and re-attraction bonuses for nurses to stay or re-join SA Health, payments for interstate and overseas health professionals moving to SA to work in the public health system, plus \$11M to incentivise GPs to move to SA.

## Economy



- \$370M to lift payroll tax threshold from \$1.5M to \$2.1M, including \$80M in payroll tax exemptions for all apprenticeships.
- Establishment of State Charges and Tax Reform Commission.
- Establishment of a dedicated Office for the Night Time Economy and Ministerial portfolio to support the hospitality industry and NTE.
- \$13.2M over four years to expand the Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Uplift to support local businesses into defence supply chain.
- \$5.5M Export Ready Program to help local businesses start exporting.

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## Climate Change & Environment



- \$4.3M for projects to support a 'Zero Litter to Ocean' target by 2035.
- Save our seas' package including voluntary marine buybacks and restoring 50 hectares of new shellfish reefs across South Australia.
- \$13M Biosecurity Preparedness Plan.
- Reinstatement of the Home Battery Scheme, new \$20M solar for Renters Scheme and new round of \$20M Solar for Business grants program.
- \$140M over 20 years for a sand pipeline between Largs Bay and West Beach to recycle sand along Adelaide beaches.

## Health & Wellbeing



- GPs after-hours access trial, with grants of up to \$150,000 per practice.
- Removal of GP payroll tax.
- \$50M for planning and design work to expand the Royal Adelaide Hospital.
- Regional health investments including a new \$350M Barossa Hospital, new maternity ward at Murray Bridge and radiotherapy services in Mount Gambier.
- Transform old W&CH site into a health precinct into the future.
- 250 beds at five Transition Care Centres to help ease hospital beds.
- Free flu vaccines in April.

## Cost of Living



- 50c Adelaide Metro fares.
- Capping of Council rates, with the Essential Services Commission to be tasked with setting a fair annual rate for each council area.
- Free flu vaccinations in April.
- \$20M Solar for Renters Scheme, providing landlords and renters with subsidy and no-interest loans to install solar panels.

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Regardless of the outcome of the 2026 State Election, the Committee for Adelaide looks forward to continuing to work with our members, industry partners and all levels and sides of government to shape the future of Adelaide, South Australia for generations to come.

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