

South Australian Governor's Speech

February 2015

On 10 February 2015, the Governor, His Excellency Hieu Van Le, AO, delivered a speech to the State's fifty-third Parliament, outlining the Government's agenda for South Australia.

A summary of the key points in the Governor's speech are as follows:

Tax

A Discussion Paper on proposed reforms to the South Australian taxation system will be released. The Government acknowledged that South Australia should move towards a taxation system that encourages investment and employment opportunities.

A Royal Commission into the Nuclear Industry and its potential development in South Australia

Royal Commission into the Nuclear Industry and the potential development of the industry in South Australia will be led by former Governor Kevin Scarce. The Royal Commission will investigate the potential development of the nuclear sector in South Australia. South Australia has the world's largest uranium mine.

A proposal to change South Australia's time zone

Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith will lead consultations across the state to gauge opinion whether the South Australian time zone should be brought in line with the eastern states, or with Western Australia.

The Delivering Transforming Health Proposals Paper

The Transforming Health project will seek to provide consistent health services to patients in metropolitan hospitals.

Planning

The Development Act 1993 will be replaced by new legislation and will encourage the development of sustainable communities based on affordable living and public transport options. Furthermore, an urban growth boundary will be introduced for Adelaide that will protect prime agricultural land.

Public Housing

Within 15 years the South Australian Government will renew all Housing Trust stock that predates 1968. More than 4,500 homes located within 10km of the city will be renewed by 2020.

The Governor's speech also indicated regulations would be introduced to restrict former MPs from lobbying while the remuneration of MPs will be reviewed.



Further information

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the Royal Commission into the Nuclear Industry is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the Delivering Transforming Health Proposals Paper is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the proposed time zone change is available [here](#).