

## SA Labor's \$2b infrastructure pipeline and Election policy commitments February 2018

On Sunday February 18, 2018 South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill launched SA Labor's 2018 Election campaign, identifying jobs and the State's economic growth as priority areas.

Unveiling SA Labor's '*Standing up for South Australia*' slogan, Mr Weatherill announced a \$2b road, rail and port plan, which will create – on average – 1700 jobs over the next four years.

The Election will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018.

SA Labor's full suite of policy commitments can be found [here](#).

### Infrastructure

SA Labor will:

- Remove seven of the most congested and dangerous level crossings across the State;
- Build a \$700m multi-user, bulk-commodity deep water port in the Spencer Gulf, creating 400 jobs; and
- Expand the AdeLINK tram network.

These projects are in addition to \$5b of major infrastructure projects beginning this year or currently underway:

- \$692m Building Better Schools Infrastructure Program.
- \$270m redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- \$2.3b North-South Corridor projects.

### Jobs

SA Labor affirmed its commitment to continue generating jobs in key growth industries, including:

- Shipbuilding and defence;
- Renewable energy and mining;
- Tourism, food and wine;
- Health and biomedical research; and
- IT and advanced manufacturing.

Creating jobs in emerging industries will also be a key focus for SA Labor, in sectors such as:

- Space technologies;
- Digital industries including big data, artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, cyber security, virtual reality and digital gaming;
- New renewable and climate technologies;
- Food science and agricultural innovation; and
- Health and ageing technologies, including allied health.

### Energy

SA Labor affirmed its commitment to delivering the [South Australian Plan for South Australians](#), which harnesses renewable energy sources to deliver a sustainable and self-sufficient energy grid for the State. The *Plan* includes:

- The world's largest lithium-ion battery at Jamestown;



- A 150-megawatt solar thermal plant for Port Augusta, creating 700 construction and ongoing jobs;
- A State-owned power plant, to ensure stand-by power in case of emergencies;
- A \$150m Renewable Technology Fund, supporting 21 renewable energy projects in South Australia;
- Ministerial powers to bring control of the market back into South Australia's hands; and
- \$48m in incentives to source more gas for use in South Australia.

SA Labor also recently committed to establishing a world-leading Virtual Power Plant in South Australia, in partnership with Tesla. Following a trial, solar and battery systems will be installed in at least 50,000 South Australian homes to create a 250-megawatt generator, providing thousands of South Australians with reduced-cost energy, expanding the renewable technology industry and creating hundreds of jobs.

### **Education**

SA Labor will continue to deliver its public education plan, including:

- Increased focus on STEM, play-based learning and outdoor play areas for preschools and Children's Centres;
- Improved teacher-to-student ratios;
- Literacy and Numeracy First funding to improve student achievement;
- New career advice and links with industry for high school students;
- Expanded languages education and globally-connected schools;
- More high-tech school infrastructure; and
- Added STEM education and facilities in schools.

### **Health**

SA Labor will continue administering its \$1.2b investment in metropolitan public hospitals, supporting 3900 direct and indirect jobs. This investment includes:

- The \$528m Adelaide Women's Hospital; and
- \$80m over the next four years to replace medical equipment in metropolitan and country hospitals.

### **Transport**

In addition to the announced expansion of the AdeLINK network and the removal of dangerous level crossings, SA Labor will:

- Deliver the next stage towards a non-stop North-South Corridor;
- Undertake a feasibility study into Majors Road exit/entry ramps on the Southern Expressway;
- Invest \$40m for the duplication of the Joy Baluch AM Bridge;
- Invest \$90m as South Australia's share in the cost of sealing the Strzelecki Track;
- Improve road safety around our schools;
- Make travel more affordable for people with a disability; and
- Reduce fares to reward regular public transport users and encourage more people to use public transport.

### **Policing**

SA Labor committed to maintaining record police numbers, as well as;

- Building new CFS stations at Montacute, Western Districts on Kangaroo Island, Piccadilly and Taillem Bend;



- Working with other jurisdictions to develop a National Employer Recognition Scheme for employers of emergency services volunteers;
- Building a new structural fire behaviour training facility for the MFS at Angle Park; and
- Delivering new SES buildings at Loxton and Burra and an upgraded SES building at Ceduna.

**Further information**

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