

## **SA Labor announces new Parliamentary leadership and Shadow Cabinet**

**April 2018**

On Monday 9 April 2018 the South Australian State Labor caucus elected Peter Malinauskas MP as Leader of the Opposition and Susan Close MP as Deputy Leader, following the March 2018 State Election and the defeat of the Weatherill Labor Government.

Both were elected unopposed.

Mr Malinauskas, 37, becomes just the third leader of the SA Labor Party in the past 24 years.

Mr Malinauskas was SA Secretary of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association before entering the Legislative Council in 2015. He was the Minister for Police, Corrections and Emergency Services and from September 2017 until March 2018 was Minister for Health.

At the election, he won the western suburbs seat of Croydon.

Ms Close entered Parliament in 2015 as Member for Port Adelaide and has served most recently as Minister for Education.

At the March 2018 State Election Labor lost four seats and two sitting members. No ministers lost their seats.

Labor holds 19 out of 47 seats in the House of Assembly and hopes to retain eight seats out of 22 in the Legislative Council. The new Liberal Government does not have a majority in the Upper House.

Former Premier Jay Weatherill and former ministers John Rau, Ian Hunter and Leon Bignell all ruled themselves out from standing for future frontbench positions.

On 10 April 2018 the new Leader of the Opposition announced his Shadow Cabinet.

Peter Malinauskas will take on Defence Industries and Space Industries portfolios in addition to being Opposition Leader.

Deputy Leader Susan Close will also be Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Environment and Water.

Kyam Maher will become Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council and Shadow Attorney-General, while taking on the portfolios of Industrial Relations and Public Sector and Aboriginal Affairs.

Former Treasurer Tom Koustantonis will be Leader of Opposition Business in the House of Assembly and Shadow Minister for Mining and Energy and Employment. He will also take on the new portfolio of Government Accountability.

Stephen Mullighan will be Shadow Treasurer.

Zoe Bettison will take on the portfolio of Trade, Tourism and Investment.

Chris Picton will be Shadow Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

Tony Piccolo returns to the frontbench as Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans' Affairs.



Former Police Officer Lee Odenwalder will take on Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services.

Eddie Hughes will be Shadow Minister for Human Services, while Jayne Stinson will take on the portfolios of Child Protection and Arts.

Subject to her election to the Legislative Council, Clare Scriven will become Shadow Minister for Industry and Skills and Shadow Minister for Forestry.

**Further information**

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