

SA BEST Manifesto

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SA BEST is a centrist party that represents the people of South Australia and the interests of South Australians. To us it's not about left or right, it's about right or wrong. To us, it's about making decisions based on South Australia's interests and making decisions on legislations that



will benefit SA.

POLICIES:

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There is no doubt that public transport is the most important type of transport to get people from A to B, not only convenient but saves money from having to spend a lot of it on petrol especially when petrol prices are on the rise.

But not all places have the benefit of access to public transport. Unfortunately, South Australia is the only state in the country that does not have a regional train network which has serious consequences for those who live in regional SA. Especially when more people are moving to the regions and population continues to grow, soon a car which is currently the only option to travel to the regions from Adelaide or back will not be sustainable. Which is why SA BEST committed to bringing back those train services in the new term.



As you can see here, this shows the map of the once train network that spans throughout regional South Australia. I'm committed to bringing back those exact train services that were ripped up all those years ago. In the new term, if SA BEST wins Mayo, Slow-Passenger will sit down with whoever is the Treasurer to discuss funding. This funding will require restoration of existing train lines that have been left in bad conditions, building new lines and upgrading new stations. The benefits of bringing back these train services is that it can boost tourism even further in the state, help boost business growth in the regions and those are able to gain access to essential services more quickly like health.

HOUSING

One of the leading contributing factors in the housing crisis is the issue of foreign ownership along with people owning multiple properties. That's why SA BEST call on whoever forms the government to seriously look into the issue because it's unacceptable that we allow foreign investors and people who do not obtain citizenship in this country to be allowed to purchase a property. This prevents South Australians from finding a place to call home and puts more pressure on our struggling housing market. Another that SA BEST will look into is the issue of people owning multiple properties. Quite frankly, SA BEST believe it's selfish that people believe it's good to own multiple properties in which in some cases they do not spend most of their time in. I'm proposing the idea of establishing a board or commission that looks into the ownership of people having multiple properties, to determine whenever if there are genuine reasons for people to own more than just 1 property or that it forces people to sell off their properties to allow those who actually needs a roof over their heads to be able to rent or buy it.

AGRICULTURE

The agricultural industry plays a major role in the economy here in SA. However the dangers to an industry is greater like fruit fly outbreaks. Fruit fly outbreaks can cause damage to growing food like fruit and vegetables which leads to devastating consequences. Like financial damage and hits the industry hard in terms of costs to cover the damages. So SA BEST is committed to get the government to fund a program that will be able to assist and help growers that have been impacted by the fruit fly outbreaks along with

education programs to help growers protect and prevent future situations like fruit fly outbreaks along with natural disasters.

TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

Transparency in government is absolutely vital and important in a healthy and democratic representation. Which is why SA BEST will continue to keep governments to account. But several areas that SA BEST would like to see improve is seeing political donations published to the public in real time, no matter how much it is. Along with stronger laws to protect whistle-blowers, we live in a democratic progressive country, that means we should encourage those to speak out and reveal the truths that secret bureaucrats and officials don't wanna hear rather than punishing those for revealing the truth.

ANIMAL WELFARE

SA BEST loves animals no matter big or small, so much so that I strongly believe they should be treated equally like humans. One of the issues is animal live exports, like many, SA BEST deemed live exports a horrific practice that should cease to continue. That's why SA BEST will advocate legislation to ban live exports, but important to give farmers who do rely on live exports time to adjust to what would be a needed change.

AGE CARE

South Australia is the fastest aging electorate in Australia which is why SA BEST believes that retirees and older South Australians deserve to have a fair go. SA BEST will seek to introduce legislation that would establish a body to keep transparency in our age cares high, residents who live in these facilities deserve to know what's going on. SA BEST certainly do not want to see a situation where age cares are closing down while at the same time not telling residents. This body will ensure that accountability and truth will be the priority in putting those a safer and certain future.

DRILLING IN THE BIGHT

SA BEST strongly oppose such ideas or proposals to do oil drilling in our iconic Great Australian Bight. It is crucial that we maintain our pristine waters and stopping greedy oil companies from seeking to destroy our Bight with drilling. We know the many harmful effects it has on the environment and sea marine life. SA BEST is committed to bring forward legislation to stop this dangerous act.