



STRONG GOVERNMENT STRONG BUSINESS STRONG COMMUNITY

2013-14 STATE BUDGET



**Government of
South Australia**

South Australia has always worked best when we have had strong government working with strong business, backed by a strong community.

This State Budget builds on this tradition, investing for a prosperous future for the benefit of South Australians.

That includes investment in the services that people value and measures that support the jobs of everyday South Australians.

The State Budget continues the Government's investment in better roads, public transport, housing construction and infrastructure. These projects create jobs, drive economic activity and private investment, and will provide benefits for generations to come.

BETTER ROADS:

In partnership with the Commonwealth Government:

SOUTH ROAD UPGRADE

- \$530 million over the forward estimates towards the \$896 million to upgrade South Road from Torrens Road to the River Torrens

SOUTH EASTERN FREEWAY

- \$24.9 million over three years, from 2014–15, to improve the safety and efficiency of the freeway

APY LANDS ACCESS ROAD

- \$56.1 million over the forward estimates towards the \$106 million upgrade of 210 kilometres of main road access into the APY Lands between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja.

BETTER TRANSPORT:

RAIL ELECTRIFICATION

- \$152.4 million over three years to electrify the Gawler rail line between Adelaide and Dry Creek rail depot and build a new electrical sub-station

TONSLEY PARK PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT

- \$63 million over two years, from 2014–15, to improve transport services for the southern suburbs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STIMULUS PACKAGE:

In total, \$220 million is being invested to build more than 930 houses over the next 18 months.

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- \$50 million for 175 new affordable houses, including the construction of new community social housing as well as unlocking stalled commercial developments

BRINGING FORWARD HOUSING PROJECTS

- \$27 million to fast-track the construction of Housing SA homes, including specialised homes for people with a disability and Aboriginal people
- \$23.6 million to bring forward up to 18 projects from the Better Neighbourhoods Program to assist local small to medium sized civil engineering and construction companies

Significant investments are also continuing to stimulate housing construction and benefit the many South Australians employed in trades.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION GRANT EXTENDED

- \$38.7 million over two years to extend the \$8,500 Housing Construction Grant for six months, to the end of 2013, towards the cost of building or buying a new house

STAMP DUTY CONCESSION CONTINUES

- \$12.4 million over the next five years to continue the stamp duty concession for people who buy eligible apartments off-the-plan.

Strong government working with a strong business sector helps to drive the State's economic growth. This budget provides measures to help South Australian businesses build industry capability and reduce red tape.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS:

PAYROLL TAX CONCESSION

\$21.6 million over two years

- A concessional payroll tax rate of 2.5 per cent will apply to annual taxable payrolls of \$600,000 to \$1 million, effectively halving the payroll tax rate for these businesses
- The concessional rate phases out to the tax rate of 4.95 per cent for payrolls between \$1 million and \$1.2 million
- The concessional rate will be applied to eligible employers, providing relief of up to \$9,800 to more than 2,200 businesses, or about 25 per cent of all grouped payroll tax payers.

STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION

\$2 million over four years

- Provides a stamp duty exemption for eligible corporate reconstructions, reducing red tape and the cost of transfers of assets between members of a corporate group

HELP FOR BUSINESS TO BID FOR GOVERNMENT WORK

\$300,000 over two years

- The Industry Participation Advocate will help government agencies simplify their procurement processes and make it easier for businesses to bid for Government work.

REALISING THE BENEFITS OF THE MINING BOOM:

MINING AND PETROLEUM SERVICES CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

\$6 million over four years

- The government's contributions will partner with industry to deliver a centre of excellence to bring about innovation through support for projects in the minerals, resources and petroleum sector.

GROWING ADVANCED MANUFACTURING:

HIGH-VALUE FOOD MANUFACTURING CENTRE

\$4.1 million over four years

- This new centre will become a beacon for the development of South Australia's food manufacturing industry.

PREMIUM FOOD AND WINE:

INCREASING FOOD AND WINE EXPORTS

\$2.5 million over three years

- To drive an increase in exports of South Australia's premium food and wine to emerging markets in China.

CREATING A VIBRANT CITY:

MAJOR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

\$18.2 million over four years

- To boost the operation of South Australia's art and cultural institutions – the art gallery, museum, state library, History Trust and Carrick Hill.

Investments in frontline services and affordable living pay dividends through a high quality of life and strong communities.

As well as investing to support jobs, the budget invests in the services that South Australians rely on and value. That includes a start towards a new way of supporting people with a disability through *DisabilityCare Australia*.

AFFORDABLE PLACE TO LIVE

INCREASED WATER CONCESSION FOR PENSIONERS AND LOW INCOME EARNERS

\$21.1 million over four years

- The water concession will be increased from 25 per cent to 30 per cent of an eligible customer's water bill from 1 July 2013, increasing the minimum and maximum water concession by \$30

Lower water prices reduce SA Water dividends to the government by \$80 million over three years.

WATER CONCESSION	2012-13	2013-14
CONCESSION AS % OF BILL (EXCL SEWERAGE)	25%	30%
MINIMUM (OWNER OCCUPIER)	\$155	\$185
MAXIMUM (OWNER OCCUPIER)	\$265	\$295
MINIMUM FOR TENANTS	\$90	\$120
MAXIMUM FOR TENANTS	\$200	\$230
SEWERAGE	\$110	\$110

CHEAPER CAR REGISTRATION

- Reform of compulsory third party premiums will reduce the cost of registering a typical family car by \$148 over the next two years

PAY RISE FOR COMMUNITY SECTOR WORKERS

\$490 million over nine years

- This budget includes \$131 million over four years to give workers in the community services sector a pay rise of up to 45 per cent over nine years.

EVERY CHANCE FOR EVERY CHILD:

NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE AT BLAKEVIEW NORTH

\$10.1 million over four years

- A new Children's Centre, including preschool and occasional care, will be built at Blakeview in Adelaide's north to cater for the growing population

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

\$2.8 million over three years

- The Australian Centre for Social Innovation will expand its *Family by Family* program into the northern and outer southern suburbs to work with children and parents at risk to keep families together.

SAFE COMMUNITIES, HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS

MORE POLICE

\$34.9 million over four years

- An extra 50 police officers will be recruited in 2013-14, with a further 134 officers to be recruited by 2017-18

CLOSING THE GAP ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH OUTCOMES

\$32 million over 3 years

- To continue the investment into health programs that have achieved positive outcomes for Indigenous South Australians.