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We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the state's first peoples, nations and Traditional Owners of South Australian land and waters. We recognise that their unique cultural heritage, customs, spiritual beliefs and relationship with the land are of ongoing importance today, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging leaders of the future.

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Budget Speech 2026-27

Delivered on 4 June 2026, on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill 2026, by the Honourable Tom Koutsantonis MP, Treasurer of South Australia.

Speaker, I present to the House the 2026-27 State Budget.

This budget sends a clear economic signal — certainty.

Certainty about the kind of economy South Australia is building — stable, disciplined and open for investment.

It provides the certainty and confidence that private capital needs to invest, expand and create jobs.

It ensures that the benefits of growth are translated into stronger services, greater resilience and wider opportunity for South Australians.

This government values economic growth, not merely for the return it delivers to capital, but for the jobs, incomes and opportunities it creates for South Australians.

Taxes are not changing; in targeted areas they are being cut.

Investment frameworks remain stable with our debt allocated to productive infrastructure.

The budget lives within its means, the surpluses are genuine and debt to revenue rates are lower than previously forecast.

The Malinauskas Government continues to provide the certainty that allows risk-takers, entrepreneurs and business leaders to get on with their work, confident that government is getting on with its own.

South Australia has now entered the delivery phase of the largest infrastructure program in our history.

The Torrens to Darlington project and the new Women's and Children's Hospital are essential investments in the state's long-term prosperity and resilience.

Our road network is the circulatory system of our economy. In metropolitan Adelaide, 77 per cent of freight moves by road, yet those roads are not flowing as they should.

The average speed on the incomplete section of the North-South Corridor has fallen to around 25 kilometres per hour at times.

If left unresolved, the economic cost to South Australia will be profound. Congestion does not stop at one route; it spills across adjoining arterial roads and weakens the efficiency of both our north-south and east-west freight networks.

The new Women's and Children's Hospital is equally important. This is not merely a relocation to another site, nor a replica of the old facility on new land. It is a decision to build a hospital fit for future demand while preserving the Royal Adelaide Hospital's capacity to grow and evolve in the decades ahead.

As these projects are delivered, naturally debt will increase across the forward estimates, sustainably, affordably and rationally.

The debt to revenue levels in this budget are lower than previously forecast. Once these two projects are completed, debt as a percentage of revenue will begin to reduce as our capital program returns to a level more in line with historical trends.

Two successive governments now have committed to these two projects. It was the Malinauskas Government that made the hard decisions when they were required, because South Australians deserve a government with its eyes on the next generation, not the next election. Speaker, we chose to build for the future.

The opportunities before us are substantial: in Whyalla, in Port Pirie, in Roxby Downs, and through AUKUS. These are not marginal prospects; they are nation-shaping industrial opportunities that place South Australia at the centre of the next wave of investment.

Taken together, these investments have the potential to transform South Australia's industrial capacity.

BHP's ambitions alone could exceed \$25 billion in private capital.

The Commonwealth's commitment under AUKUS begins with around \$30 billion in civil and infrastructure works, before a single submarine is constructed.

As a result, labour demand and private capital investment in South Australia will continue to rise.

As these opportunities gather pace, the next phase of our growth will be driven increasingly by private investment.

That shift has important implications for this budget.

It means continuing to invest in the infrastructure and services the state needs, while managing the public finances responsibly and creating the conditions for private enterprise to keep expanding.

And that is the broader context in which this budget is being delivered.

Speaker, South Australia's economy has been leading the nation, yet global events beyond our control are creating new headwinds and uncertainty.

Even so, the underlying strength of our state remains clear. State Final Demand rose by 3.8 per cent through the year to March quarter 2026, the second fastest growth in the nation and ahead of national growth of 3.5 per cent.

Employment is expected to grow by 3.25 per cent — faster than previously forecast, with strong labour force participation and low unemployment.

More than 987 000 South Australians are now in work, leaving our economy effectively at full employment.

In South Australia our greatest resource has never been our abundant mineral wealth or our amazing productive farmland. It is and always has been our people.

The ingenuity and entrepreneurship of our citizens is what has sustained and grown this state.

However, in such a tight labour market, government must be conscious of the way it competes with the private sector for workers.

Given the growth in the South Australian economy, the government has taken the opportunity to examine how public services are delivered and where greater efficiency can be achieved without compromising frontline outcomes.

This budget implements a partial employment freeze on non-frontline roles, with agencies only able to replace one in every two vacancies that arise during the 2026-27 financial year.

There will be no forced redundancies, and frontline staff will not be affected. This is a measured reform designed to maintain service delivery while focusing public resources where they are most needed.

A leaner and more focused public sector will help create the conditions for a more productive public and private sector economy.

This budget is focused on two clear priorities: delivering meaningful cost of living relief for South Australian families and continuing to build the long-term economic capacity of our state, so South Australians can share in the benefits of future growth.

This budget reflects the mandate received at the March 2026 State Election, with major investments in education, health and infrastructure, alongside a substantial focus on increasing housing supply to help more South Australians own their own home.

The budget delivers all of the Malinauskas Government's election commitments and priorities.

I can report to the House that this budget forecasts \$1.4 billion in general government operating surpluses from 2025-26.

South Australians can be confident that their money is being managed prudently and responsibly, giving this government the capacity to keep investing in our state's future while supporting our community.

Speaker, the Malinauskas Government is delivering the biggest cost of living relief package in South Australia's history.

A raft of measures the Premier took to the election were aimed squarely at reducing financial pressures weighing on families, renters, older South Australians and households across the state.

The centrepiece of our cost of living package is the Malinauskas Government's commitment to make public education free for every South Australian child.

From the 2027 school year, South Australian families who choose a public school can do so knowing their child will receive a world-class education with Australia's best teachers at no cost to the family budget.

In total, this initiative will save families an average of \$8000 per child over their schooling. That is money going straight back into the pockets of families, delivering real cost of living relief.

The Premier's global leadership in advocating for a ban on social media for children under 16, has now been taken up at both the national and international levels.

But a ban on its own is not the end, it is just the beginning. At the state election, the Malinauskas Government committed to the nation-leading \$76 million Kids off Screens policy to help parents and caregivers keep kids off screens through healthy activities.

By investing in a broad range of programs, this policy will support children and young people to live healthier, happier and more active lives, and help ensure that smartphones and social media do not define their childhood.

This package includes:

- free school camps for 12 600 Year 7 public school students
- one term of free before or after school activities for every public primary school student, every year
- two \$100 Sports Vouchers per child each year for families with 16 to 18-year-olds, and
- a new free program of come-and-try sports and activity sessions during the school holidays for children aged 3 to 16.

The budget also commits a further \$45.5 million in net expenditure across the next four years to establish new Out of School Hours Care services at 68 government primary schools across South Australia.

This will create about 2300 extra places for children and provide practical support for working parents and carers, especially in communities where that support has been hard to access.

At the state election, the government made major commitments to ease the burden on regional South Australians who must travel long distances for specialist healthcare.

To deliver on these commitments, the budget invests \$16 million to dramatically expand the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme, nearly tripling the nightly accommodation subsidy from \$44 to \$110, and from \$88 to \$154 for people travelling with an approved support person.

This is now the largest government patient assistance travel accommodation subsidy in the nation.

It also builds on the first major increase to the scheme in more than 20 years, delivered by this government in 2023, when the fuel subsidy was doubled from 16 cents to 32 cents per kilometre for eligible medical appointments.

We are also expanding the scheme to include a cumulative travel subsidy for eligible people who travel a minimum of 300 kilometres a week for renal or oncology services.

Members will recall that at the state election, the Malinauskas Government committed to a suite of initiatives to improve health accessibility, including delivering South Australia's first IVF rebate scheme, because everyone deserves a fair chance to start a family.

IVF treatment can be a drain on families, not just emotionally but financially.

This budget delivers \$18.5 million to make treatment more affordable for thousands of women and families, providing rebates of up to \$2000 per IVF cycle for up to two cycles, as well as support for pre-IVF fertility testing.

It is a practical measure to reduce the upfront financial burden of fertility treatment and offer direct help to women and families seeking to start or grow their family.

This budget also improves access to care while relieving pressure on hospitals and GP clinics by investing \$13.2 million to expand the 24-hour pharmacies initiative and establish three new 24-hour pharmacies in the west, north-east and Adelaide Hills.

Speaker, this Labor Government has a proven track record in investing to improve and expand our health system.

We have added 678 extra beds to the system and employed an additional 933 doctors, 2091 nurses, 374 ambulance officers and 603 allied health workers since being elected in 2022.

These investments save lives and we will continue to invest.

This budget delivers additional funding of \$1.7 billion over the forward estimates to support service delivery across the health system and make sure our hospitals can continue to meet demand now and into the future.

This investment brings the government's total additional funding in the health system since the last change of government to \$12 billion.

However, just this week, the number of people occupying a hospital bed despite being ready and able to be discharged to an alternative facility soared past 400.

As the House would be aware, aged care is the sole responsibility of the Commonwealth. However, as our population ages and the demand for aged care places grows, the state government has chosen to act.

We have seen the cost of constructing aged care facilities dramatically increase as access to capital has become more difficult, and this is where the state has targeted its intervention.

The budget responds to these aged care pressures through a \$250 million no-interest loan scheme to help deliver 650 new aged care beds, including a minimum requirement for dementia support beds to free up capacity in our hospitals.

This measure is targeted to bring new capacity online as quickly as possible, not to subsidise beds already in the pipeline.

Older South Australians will also benefit from an expansion of the Seniors Card costing \$8.4 million. From next month, eligibility will be widened to all South Australians aged 60 and over, and to Aboriginal South Australians aged 50 and over.

This reform provides access to free Adelaide Metro public transport and supports a broad range of discounts to help older South Australians manage household expenses and stay connected to the wider community.

In response to fuel price pressures and ongoing uncertainty in international energy markets, the budget also provides \$1 million in 2026-27 to pause the annual increase in metroCARD public transport fares until at least 1 October 2026.

That is direct cost of living relief for commuters and practical support for working households.

Taken together, these measures demonstrate that this budget is focused on delivering targeted, meaningful relief for South Australians.

Speaker, this government is acting to address the housing shortfall and affordability pressures facing South Australians. For first home buyers, renters, older South Australians looking to downsize, and vulnerable people who need secure housing, the central task is clear: we must increase the supply of homes.

This budget responds through direct investment, practical pathways into home ownership, expanded social and supported housing, and reforms that remove barriers for buyers and renters.

The budget delivers on our \$1.3 billion Rent to Own election commitment, funded in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, to build 2000 affordable homes aimed at first home buyers.

It is the Malinauskas Government's biggest housing initiative: new homes are leased at 75 per cent of market rent for up to two years, with tenants then given the opportunity to purchase the property at a price capped from the day they move in.

This is designed to help long-term renters make the transition into home ownership, providing a practical bridge between renting and buying.

The Premier has made clear that South Australia needs 13 500 homes built each year if we are to capture the economic opportunities ahead. To support that task, the budget unlocks \$1 billion in total to bring more housing to market sooner.

A \$500 million Housing Fast-Track Fund will enable the government, through Renewal SA, to secure and unlock strategic land for development and support more coordinated housing growth aligned with the state's planning and infrastructure priorities.

A further \$500 million Apartment Fast-Track Fund will enable more apartment developments in the CBD by allowing the government to act as guarantor on eligible off-the-plan projects.

Targeting shovel-ready projects, this is an important intervention to broaden housing choice in the CBD and bring forward new development.

We are also lifting height limits in the city through code amendments, enabling taller buildings, including apartments, and providing greater confidence for the development sector.

Water infrastructure may not be glamorous, but it is essential to housing growth. That is why this budget supports major enabling infrastructure needed to open up new development.

\$50 million in 2026-27 will accelerate Playford Alive and support the delivery of an additional 400 homes aimed at first-home buyers to be ready by the end of 2027.

Social housing is about more than bricks and mortar to those who occupy it. It is about dignity, safety, stability and opportunity. This government is proud to deliver its election commitment in this area to bring an additional 500 public homes online.

All members of this House understand the consequences in our respective constituencies of inadequate support for Housing Trust tenants with complex needs. That is why the budget provides \$110 million to build 200 supported accommodation places, with wrap-around services and housing better suited to those circumstances.

We are also committing \$30 million to upgrade 300 vacant South Australian Housing Trust homes and return them to use more quickly, reducing vacancy rates and increasing public housing availability.

Taken together, these measures represent a substantial additional investment in public and supported housing.

Speaker, for older South Australians looking to downsize into a smaller home, stamp duty can often be an impediment.

This financial barrier limits the availability of bigger established homes on the market that would better suit a growing family.

For those South Australians looking to downsize into new housing that better suits their needs, the budget provides stamp duty relief of up to \$103 830 for eligible seniors aged 60 and over who purchase a new home or vacant land on which to build one.

This measure will free up established family homes, support new construction and improve housing availability across the market.

In addition, the government is implementing a range of initiatives to support first home buyers, including:

- a new online one-stop shop for HomeStart Finance and HomeSeeker customers
- higher income eligibility thresholds for HomeStart Finance's Advantage Loan and Starter Loan products
- broader access to the shared equity loan scheme for multi-storey apartment purchases, and
- an extension of the HomeStart Finance Graduate Loan to include firefighters, police and all technical college graduates.

The budget also provides \$500 000 to create a housing pattern book.

This initiative will develop a suite of pre-approved designs to reduce costs, streamline planning approvals and lower delivery risk for builders. It is a practical reform to bring more homes from concept to construction.

And for those concerned about pattern book developments, look no further to the heritage of red brick and sandstone villas in Adelaide's west, in Unley, Prospect and Norwood. Pattern book houses deliver the homes of the future.

To make it easier for renters to move, the Malinauskas Government will establish the state's first Portable Rental Bond Scheme. This budget provides \$7 million towards the scheme so renters can transfer an existing bond to a new property.

This will reduce the financial strain of paying a new bond before the old bond has been refunded, giving renters greater flexibility with their own money.

Speaker, trades offer meaningful, well-paid and rewarding careers.

To support this, the budget provides \$29.5 million to create 1000 new pathways into the construction workforce through apprenticeships, scholarships and industry incentives.

It also funds \$150 million for three more new technical colleges in Marden, Murray Bridge and Gawler, as well as \$25.5 million for a new Mount Barker TAFE trades workshop, so we can train more students in the trades we need to build more homes.

Together, these measures expand housing opportunity, strengthen supply and make it easier for more South Australians to find a home that suits their needs.

These young graduates are experiencing life-changing outcomes because of the training, opportunity and career pathways our reforms have created.

Speaker, underpinning all of the Malinauskas Government's commitments is the continued strength and resilience of the South Australian economy.

This budget contains a broad set of measures to strengthen our economy further, lift productivity, build resilience and better position our state to seize the opportunities ahead of us in energy, defence, mining, innovation, skills and regional development.

At the heart of this task was the government's intervention to support major industrial assets of state significance and our continued investment in transformative infrastructure.

South Australia is home to three strategic smelters, Olympic Dam, Whyalla and Port Pirie. They are central to the economic complexity of our state, which drives higher productivity, stronger wages and rising living standards.

These smelters are critical to our nation's sovereign economic and defence capability and rightly are front and centre to the national conversation on advanced mineral processing and value-added manufacturing.

BHP's expansion at Olympic Dam is a major opportunity for South Australia. It means more jobs, more investment and a bigger role for our state in copper and critical minerals. And it gives us a real chance to do more value-adding here, instead of shipping raw materials offshore.

The Whyalla steelworks provides our state with a similar opportunity. It protects local jobs, secures our industrial base and, if we want to keep making things in this country, we need steelmaking capacity here in South Australia.

And of course, Port Pirie is critical to the defence of our nation by producing the rarest of metals required in defence, antimony.

This nation faces choices about our economic sovereignty, do we suffer at the mercy of others for the key metals our nation needs, or do we choose to keep that capacity here in our nation?

We've seen the impact on this nation's sovereignty by closing fuel refineries. This government in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, chooses sovereign capability over economic rationalism or even worse, unfair and predatory trade practices.

And then there is AUKUS. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to grow advanced manufacturing, engineering and defence industry capability right here in South Australia, providing the next generation with well-paid work and creating benefits that will flow right across our economy.

To help secure and capture these opportunities, the budget provides a further \$319 million over two years, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, to continue support for the Whyalla steelworks sales process.

To complement that intervention, the budget funds a range of measures through the Department for Energy and Mining, including support for the Whyalla transformation, the continuation of the Steel Taskforce and a renewed Plan for Accelerating Exploration partnerships program to drive future mineral discovery.

Speaker, you cannot have heavy industry without energy. This budget provides for a strategic gas reserve under a long-term domestic gas supply agreement with Santos, ensuring gas that is currently exported can instead support industrial transformation here in South Australia, including at Whyalla.

As I have already highlighted, recent uncertainty surrounding Australia's fuel supply has underlined the need to invest in additional resilience here in South Australia.

Economic sovereignty means less reliance on imports for energy. That is why we have invested \$40 million to secure a strategic diesel reserve of 20 million litres at Port Bonython, helping protect fuel availability and support the state's primary production sector. It is fuel stored here in South Australia, not offshore.

In addition to supporting our manufacturing capabilities, the budget provides \$200 million to support drought affected grain and livestock farmers in South Australia's Murray Mallee, Riverland and Upper North regions through low-interest loans.

These measures, together with our major industrial interventions, are strengthening the foundations of South Australia's economy.

But long-term prosperity also depends on higher productivity and more efficient use of the resources we have.

Research and development is essential to stronger economic performance because it helps turn ideas into commercial outcomes, lifts business capability and supports higher-value jobs.

That is why the Premier asked the South Australian Productivity Commission to examine how research and development can better support the state's economic growth.

The Commission found that while governments of all persuasions have attempted to encourage research and development, South Australia is still not generating the level of business innovation and complex exports needed to keep pace with the strongest-performing jurisdictions.

Further, it found that South Australian businesses currently spend just 0.7 per cent of GSP, or around \$1 billion per year, on research and development.

That level of investment would need to rise by around 70 per cent to match the eastern seaboard, rise by double to reach the OECD average, and more than triple to match benchmark US states.

That is why this budget establishes a new Research and Development Productivity Fund complete with an initial investment of \$50 million. The aim of the fund will be to leverage additional funding from governments, universities and the private sector to grow the state's overall investment in research and development.

The initiative will strengthen collaboration between these sectors, helping to turn research into commercial outcomes, and support the adoption of new technologies and practices that lift productivity across the economy.

By helping businesses turn ideas into commercial outcomes, lift efficiency and develop new high-value products and services, the fund will support stronger growth and help create the skilled, better-paid jobs our state needs.

As part of the government's productivity reforms, we are also cutting unnecessary red tape, including by asking the South Australian Productivity Commission to identify practical opportunities to reduce regulatory burden across state and local government.

These reforms will reduce unnecessary barriers to investment and help South Australia remain one of the most attractive places to do business in Australia.

Speaker, South Australia's visitor economy is currently valued at \$11 billion. That translates into economic activity for businesses in our state, both in our cities and across our regions — from local cafes and restaurants to hotels and caravan parks and to tourism experiences far and wide.

The value of the tourism dollar is felt across every corner of our economy, it lifts our business sector, supports communities and adds vibrancy to our state.

This is why we have deliberately embarked upon a strategy to attract major events to our state. Major events promote our state on the national and international stage, drive visitation and investment, and demonstrate that we are open for business.

Speaker, our strategy is reaping rewards.

- A record breaking 270 000 fans attended the 2026 Gather Round with thousands travelling from interstate.
- In 2025, the BP Adelaide Grand Final supercars event delivered an economic benefit of over \$100 million — again attracting thousands of interstate visitors who enjoy the race and spend time in our city and regions.
- LIV Golf has injected more than \$217 million into the South Australian economy since it began under the Malinauskas Government.

And Speaker, this reputation for events will only be enhanced as we embark on delivering two massive new international standard events in the Australian Open Golf and the MotoGP.

In 2027, the MotoGP will put Adelaide firmly on the international stage, where our reputation for hosting world class motorsport events will once again be on show.

MotoGP reaches a global audience of 632 million people. This event will provide us with the opportunity to promote Adelaide and South Australia to a global audience, showcasing our amazing state and all that it has to offer.

At the same time the event will fill hotels, restaurants, bars and cafes and deliver economic benefits across our economy.

Speaker, responsible economic management is about getting the balance right.

At a time of sustained economic pressure, the government must act carefully, act responsibly, and only intervene where such action will make a positive difference.

It means providing relief when households are under pressure. It means building the long-term capacity of the economy. And it means doing both within a disciplined fiscal framework. That is the balance this budget strikes.

And these investments in South Australia's future are being delivered responsibly.

As I have indicated, operating surpluses totalling \$1.4 billion are projected, building on the three surpluses already delivered since 2022.

Speaker, net debt remains at sustainable levels as we continue to deliver critical infrastructure.

As forecast in recent budgets, net debt is expected to increase as we complete major projects such as the final piece of the North-South Corridor and the new Women's and Children's Hospital.

Importantly, the net debt to revenue ratio at 30 June 2029 is forecast to be lower than previously projected, reflecting the government's intention to return capital expenditure to more sustainable, historically consistent levels.

Speaker, it deserves mention that the single largest threat to our budget metrics is the fast-approaching end to the no worse off guarantee for GST distribution to the states and territories.

South Australia stands to lose significant revenue from 2030-31 if this agreement is not renewed and the current favourable arrangements to Western Australia remain.

To demonstrate how much GST revenue is at risk here — without the 'no worse off guarantee' in place, South Australia would lose \$2 billion from 2025-26 to the end of the forward estimates.

It is for this reason that we are strongly advocating to return to the full horizontal fiscal equalisation system that existed before the 2018 changes and restore fairness and equity to the GST distribution model.

Before I conclude, I want to acknowledge those who helped deliver this budget and those who stood by me while we did it.

First, to my wife Anthea, and our children Tia and Helena: serving as a local Member of Parliament, a Minister and Treasurer is a great honour.

But it also demands time away from the people you love most, and that is a sacrifice our families make alongside us.

Thank you for your love, your patience and your unwavering support. I simply could not do this job without you.

To the Premier, his office, my ministerial colleagues and my caucus colleagues: thank you for your support, your discipline and your hard work throughout this budget process.

To the State's Under Treasurer, Tammie Pribanic, an exceptional public servant, thank you for your hard work, your advice, your dedication and your unwavering commitment to the people of South Australia.

To the outstanding team she leads at the Department of Treasury and Finance, including Deputy Under Treasurer Michelle Stone, Scott Bayliss, Phuong Chau, Sandy Burness, Ben Ryan, Mark Beveridge and Pantelis Alexandropoulos, and to every person within the Department of Treasury and Finance who contributed to this Budget: thank you.

I often say that the work of our public service frequently goes unnoticed, not because it is unappreciated, but because it is carried out with such professionalism and competence that people simply come to expect it.

But if South Australians could see firsthand the dedication, skill and commitment our public servants bring to their work every single day, they would be enormously proud.

This budget is stronger because of your efforts, and our state is better because of your service.

To my ministerial office staff: thank you for your professionalism, your hard work and your commitment throughout this process.

To my electorate office staff: thank you for the work you do every day for our community and for your support.

Speaker, I am proud to stand here today as Treasurer to deliver a budget that reflects Labor values and backs South Australia's future.

We are delivering cost of living relief for families.

We are investing in housing and in the productive capacity our economy will need in the years ahead.

We are creating opportunities for young people to train, upskill and secure long-term, well-paid, rewarding work.

We are looking after those who need support most: the vulnerable, the sick, the elderly, and those without a strong voice to advocate for themselves.

We are lifting productivity to keep our economy strong and our state competitive.

And importantly, we are doing all of this while delivering surpluses and preserving the government's capacity to keep investing responsibly in South Australia's future.

For those reasons, I commend the budget to the House.

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