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SACOSS launches Election 2010 Campaign: Create A Better State

Today the South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) launches its newest campaign "Create A Better State" - to get voters thinking well before the political machines roll into action for March 2010.

"In the lead up to the 2010 South Australian State Election, political parties, independent candidates and interest groups are all constructing their policy platforms", says SACOSS Executive Director Karen Grogan.

"So now is the time to influence the development of public policy. Political parties and candidates respond to public opinion which makes it our strongest weapon to ensure progressive and equitable policies".

"The policy development process should not be taken for granted: politicians and senior bureaucrats need to know what issues are of concern to the voting public. SACOSS has produced five Principles Papers that are intended to assist politicians, bureaucrats, interest groups and the broader public to consider what principles should underpin policy development in the lead up to the State Election 2010".

Grogan says, "With the right policies – policies that look to the long term future of our State – we can make people the foundation of policy in South Australia. **By focusing on long term, preventative policies, we can ensure the prosperity of our State is shared with all South Australians**".

"Create a Better State is all about South Australia and the people who live there. It's about the things that underpin the social fabric of our state and how individuals can make a difference when the state election rolls around in March 2010. **We're not party-political and we're not going to tell people how to vote...we just ask them to do it thoughtfully**".

Says Grogan, "We are encouraging people to start reading beyond the headlines, stop taking the party political process for granted, start questioning their local candidates — and help create a better state".

"The website has information papers, fact sheets, jargon busters, sausage droppers (they're better than BBQ stoppers), and we would really like people to add their own stories and comments" concludes Grogan.

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