



Summary List of SACOSS Policies

Download the detailed policies at: <https://www.sacoss.org.au/state-election-2018>

Policies in ***bold italic*** will require legislation to implement.

Digital Inclusion

SACOSS is calling on all parties in this election to commit to:

- A comprehensive approach to digital inclusion with:
 - All parties having a set of election policies aimed at addressing digital disadvantage; and
 - A commitment to develop and implement a state-wide digital inclusion plan
- Specific initiatives to increase the provision of free public wi-fi in areas of digital disadvantage
- Making all sa.gov.au websites free (unmetered data) to users
- Funding for increased SA regional data in the Australian Digital Inclusion Index
- Funding for an audit of digital technology usage and literacy and to build digital capacity in the community services sector in SA
- Providing online tertiary education programs for prisoners to facilitate rehabilitation, digital inclusion and post-release life chances
- Providing an “offline service guarantee” that all government policies and services will remain easily accessible with no disadvantage to those who are not digitally connected.

The Dignity Party support all of the above actions to increase digital inclusion.

Cost of Living

SACOSS is calling on all parties in this election to commit to the following:

Energy

- Modernising the energy concession so it is paid as a percentage of the bill
- ***Providing a land tax concession for residential landlords investing in government approved energy efficient activities***
- Enabling a greater proportion of low income energy consumers to have access to free energy audits to help reduce energy consumption
- Ensuring targeted energy audits are only delivered by community sector organisations with expertise in managing vulnerability
- ***Introducing a residential energy efficiency disclosure scheme***

Water

- **Requiring landlords to pay water supply charge (unless otherwise agreed with tenant)**

The Dignity Party would seek further information about property owners and water pricing for tenants.

- Revising processes in place to identify, engage and assist water customers in hardship prior to restriction of water supply

The Dignity Party support this.

Telecommunications

- Committing to specific initiatives to increase the provision of free public wi-fi in areas of digital disadvantage
- Making all sa.gov.au websites free (unmetered data) to users

The Dignity Party support all of the above actions.

Children, Young People and Family Wellbeing

SACOSS is calling on all parties in this election to commit to:

- **Legislative reform to ensure a greater focus on early intervention and children's best interests i.e. addressing gaps in the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 and introducing measures to provide for a whole of government approach to prevention and early intervention for children and families.**

The Dignity Party support the general direction this call for actions, and look forward to further discussion about the detail.

- Funding for Prevention and Early Intervention
- **Establishing a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People**
- Support for young people in out of home care until 21y.o.

The Dignity Party support all of the above actions.

Further, the Dignity Party also say young people who have been in out of home care need additional assistance until age 25, such as housing support, as recommended by Justice Nyland.

Support for the Social Service Sector

SACOSS is calling on all parties to commit to the following:

Funding and Contracting

- Commit to continuation of the agreed principles for funding of the NFP sector (as enshrined in DPC Circular 044)
- Commit to continue the Standard Indexation Policy as adopted by Cabinet in 2017
- Finalise negotiations, adopt and implement the standard Funded Services Agreement and Grants Agreement templates
- **Extend the provisions of the Late Payment of Government Debt (Interest) 2013 Act to all not-for-profit organisations**

Other Sector Support

- Funding for an audit of digital technology usage and literacy and to build digital capacity in the community services sector in SA

The Dignity Party support all of the above actions.

Gambling Harm Prevention

SACOSS is calling for all parties to commit to:

- ***The introduction of \$1 per spin bet limits on poker machines***
- ***Reducing the number of poker machines to the previous target of 12,000***
- ***Removal of EFTPOS machines from gaming areas***
- Funding for advocacy for consumer protection and gambling harm prevention measures.

The Dignity Party strongly continue to support all of the above actions.

Health, Housing and Justice

All parties should address the issues and policies raised by SACOSS members in this election.

And in addition, SACOSS is calling for all parties to commit to:

Health

- Establish and resource a “Connected Health for All Strategy”
- Create a discrete full-time role of Chief Public Health Officer, separate from that of the Chief Medical Officer
- Establish (and construct a long term evaluation of) two non-government Comprehensive Primary Health Care Centres (CPHCCs) in South Australia
- Prioritise mental health by resourcing and fully implementing the SA Mental Health Strategic Plan with a continuing role for the SA Mental Health Commission in leading the plan and reporting on progress

Housing

- Stop the current decline of public housing and developing a long term strategy to rebuild the public housing estate

Justice

- Provide online tertiary education programs for prisoners to facilitate rehabilitation, digital inclusion and post-release life chances

The Dignity Party support all of the above actions as well as fine-tuning/improving of the SA Disability Justice Plan.

- ***Replace the current flat-rate traffic and summary fines with ones based on a proportion of the offenders' income***

Notwithstanding implementation in other jurisdictions of similar sliding scales for fines, the Dignity Party are not convinced of the efficacy of this policy in terms of encouraging compliance with existing road rules and important safety provisions. We welcome further discussion.

Tax and Expenditure

SACOSS is seeking from all parties a commitment that (barring any unforeseen circumstances) they will not support or implement any cut to health and community services in the first two years of government unless that cut has been announced as part of the election campaign.

The Dignity Party give this commitment.