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Dear Ross

RE: SA State Election 2018

Thank you for requesting a response from the Greens SA regarding our policies at the forthcoming State Election. As the peak body for the not-for-profit health and community services sector in South Australia, SACOSS plays an essential role in advocating for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in this state. Recognising that accessible and high quality health and community services are critical to the wellbeing of South Australians, the Greens align very strongly with the policy vision outlined in your comprehensive platform. We are proud to be a voice in the South Australian Parliament consistently calling for such measures and we look forward to continuing this work after the election.

It is important to say from the outset, the Greens are guided by our four pillars: ecological sustainability, grassroots democracy, social justice, and peace and non-violence. These pillars inform everything the party does in the Parliament. As such, the Greens have a strong track record in advocating on the issues addressed in your letter, particularly given the social justice vision outlined there, and we are happy to pledge our support for these measures.

While the Greens will not be in a position to form government after the election, we will continue to play an important role in the Legislative Council, where it is likely that whoever forms government in the next Parliament will require our support to pass legislation. The Greens will also be an essential alternative voice, raising matters of concern and holding the government of the day to account.

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Digital Inclusion

SUPPORT

The Greens have already committed to this policy in full, and have called for such measures to be adopted. Our complete policy can be found here: <https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/bridging-the-digital-divide>

Cost of Living

SUPPORT

The Greens actively advocate for measures to ease cost of living pressures in this state, particularly for vulnerable and disadvantaged South Australians. We will therefore support the legislative measures outlined by SACOSS with regard to energy and water. The telecommunications measures are supported in our *Bridging the Digital Divide* policy detailed above. More information about our policies on the cost of living and affordable energy can be found at the following links:

<https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/costofliving>

<https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/power-people>

Children, Young People and Family Wellbeing

SUPPORT

The Greens have been active in calling for better Child and Family Wellbeing approaches in South Australia. We support the SACOSS initiatives, including the legislative measures. We are already committed to establishing a Commissioner for Aboriginal People and Young People, raising support for young people in out-of-home care to 21 years of age and increased funding for Prevention and Early Intervention. We will also support legislative reform to ensure greater focus on early intervention and the best interests children, as well as the whole of government approach advocated by SACOSS.



Support for Social Service Sector

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The Greens agree with these measures, and will support changes to the *Late Payment of Government Debt (Interest) 2013 Act* to extend the scope of the legislation to all not-for-profit organisations.

Gambling Harm Prevention

SUPPORT

Recognising the great harm done by problem gambling in South Australia, the Greens have announced a policy to remove all poker machines from pubs and clubs within five years. Our policy can be found here: <https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/putting-an-end-to-pokies>

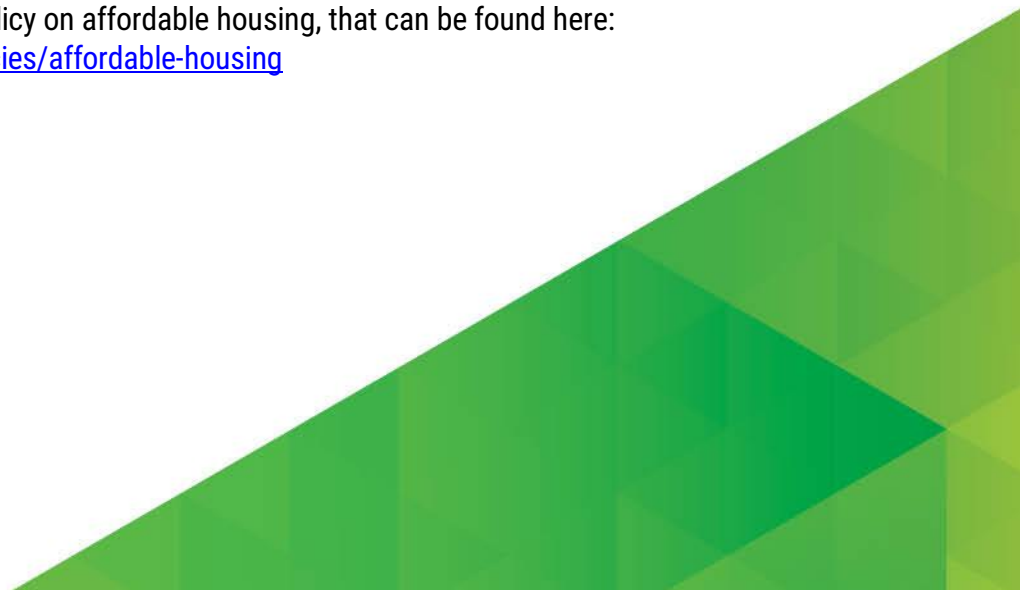
While our goal is for complete removal, in the interim we would support any measures put to the South Australian Parliament to curtail the impact of these machines, including \$1 bet limits, reducing the number of machines and the removal of EFTPOS facilities from gaming areas.

Health Housing and Justice

SUPPORT

The Greens have a strong track record of advocacy in health, and therefore support the SACOSS initiatives. We have also backed the full implementation of the SA Mental Health Strategic Plan and the continuing role of the SA Mental Health Commission. The Greens have been active in the area of justice policy, particularly in advocating for rehabilitation measures, and we also agree it would be fairer if traffic and summary fines did not have a proportionately larger impact on the disadvantaged.

We have also announced a policy on affordable housing, that can be found here: <https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/affordable-housing>



Tax and Expenditure

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The Greens will be a loud voice of opposition to any cuts to health and community services from the next government of South Australia or anyone else in the Parliament.

I hope this letter provides you and your members with information on the views of the Greens SA. If you or your members have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at franks.office@parliament.sa.gov.au or on 8237 9296.

Kind regards,



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