

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
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06 May 2014



Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia

Geoff Brock MP
Member for Frome

By Hand

Dear Mr Brock *Geoff*

I refer to our discussions about the need for stable and effective government in South Australia following the State election on 15 March 2014.

I am pleased that we have agreed in principle on a set of arrangements designed to achieve that end. I confirm that under those arrangements:

1. You will consider executing an agreement with me as Leader of the Labor Party which provides for your support on matters of supply and confidence, while acknowledging your independence, provides for a strong working relationship between us, and provides the basis for a response to issues we have mutually identified arise from the state election;
2. You will consider executing an agreement with me as Leader of the Labor Party, which provides for you to accept an appointment as Minister in a re-elected State Government while preserving your independence from the Labor Party;
3. We will join together in developing charters for stronger regional policy and for small business, in recognition of the fact that the Government must re-establish confidence in the small business and regional communities that their concerns are effectively heard within Government and responded to;
4. The Labor Party will commit a re-elected State Government to increased support for regional communities in South Australia;
5. The Labor Party will commit a re-elected State Government to a number of projects and issues of particular concern to the communities in the electorate of Frome, and will commit to the investigation of a number of other projects also of concern to communities in the electorate of Frome.

Please find attached a draft agreement intended to reflect our agreement referred to in paragraph 1 above; a draft agreement intended to reflect our agreement referred to in paragraph 2 above; and draft charters intended to reflect our agreements referred to in paragraph 3 above.

In respect of paragraph 4, I confirm that the Labor Party is prepared to commit a re-elected State Government to increased support to regional communities in South Australia with a

package of measures amounting to \$29 million per year, from a combination of re-directed resources and new resources. This includes increasing the Regional Development Fund to \$15 million per year. In addition we are prepared to commit an additional \$10 million to the New Jobs Accelerator Fund which will be directed at regional development opportunities.

In respect of paragraph 5, I confirm that the Labor Party is prepared to make the following commitments:

1. *Country Fire Service* The Labor Party will work together with you to establish a review of the presumptive provisions in relation to the Country Fire Services Volunteers under the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986*, to be concluded by the end of 2014 in order that its outcome can be considered for the 2015/16 State Budget.
2. The Labor Party will commit that it will not introduce rate capping for local government during this term of government.
3. The Labor party will commit to a review of the pensioner concession applied in respect of local government rates, to be concluded before the flexible concession initiative is implemented on 1 July 2015;
4. The Labor Party will commit to support the following projects which have been identified by communities in the electorate of Frome as significant to them:
 - 4.1. Development of a Wine Trail from McLaren Vale to the Southern Flinders Ranges;
 - 4.2. Improving the boat ramp facilities in Port Pirie, including dredging, to provide greater access, and to provide for access of larger craft to Port Pirie;
 - 4.3. Provision of a multi-use sports facility at the Memorial Oval area in Port Pirie, in partnership with the Federal and Local Governments.
 - 4.4. Enhancing water infrastructure to enable access to that infrastructure by the Port Pirie Golf Course, and assisting with irrigation improvements to the golf course to ensure more sustainable use of water;
 - 4.5. Relocating the palliative care service in Port Pirie;
 - 4.6. Providing right hand turning lane on the Spalding Road access to the Clare Aerodrome;
 - 4.7. Relocating the drop off zone at Gladstone Area School to avoid conflict with heavy transport vehicles in the event of emergency evacuation;
 - 4.8. Implementing improved lighting at the approaches to Snowtown to address safety risks;
 - 4.9. Implement the following road improvement projects during this term of government:
 - 4.9.1. Upgrade the Bute to Kulpara Road
 - 4.9.2. Upgrade the Laura to Gladstone Road

These projects will be funded from a combination of existing resources, re-directed resources, resources provided under the Labor Party's increased commitment to regional communities and new resources.

The Labor Party is also prepared to investigate a number of other issues and projects that communities in the electorate of Frome have identified as significant to them. These issues and projects include:

1. Shoulder sealing on the Port Broughton to Alford Road, and the Port Pirie to Port Broughton Road;
2. Improved lighting at the Red Hill intersection;
3. Additional ongoing funding for regional road improvements;
4. A regional rebate scheme for sporting clubs in respect of their water requirements, given the increased need for water for clubs in drier areas of the state and the lack of availability of recycled water;
5. Relief for Clare Valley wine growers in respect of their water requirements, in particular by investigating the possibility of periods of inter-peak water use and night-time use of water;
6. Access by schools to recycled water for use in sub-surface irrigation;
7. Redevelopment of the Northern Arts Centre
8. Relocation of the Clare Courthouse to the Police Station to improve management of offenders;
9. Transfer of land from the Courts Administration Authority in Clare to Country Arts SA to enable development of an arts centre in Clare;
10. Redevelopment of the PIRSA facility in Clare to allow co-location of PIRSA and SARDI officers and greater collaboration with viticulturists and wine producers.

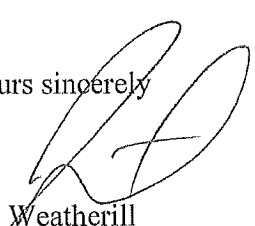
In addition to these matters the Labor Party will commit that a re-elected State Government will facilitate the development of private sector projects to enhance the barging capacity of Port Pirie Harbour, and to attract new industries to Bowman and Gladstone.

Obviously this is not an exhaustive list of the matters, relevant to your electorate, to which the State Government will consider during this term of government. However, I have set out these projects and issues in recognition of their importance to your constituents.

I hope that this letter appropriately reflects our discussions to date. If you have any concerns about any of the matters set out in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to being able to conclude our arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Jay Weatherill
Premier

Leader of the South Australian Labor Party

The Honourable Jay Weatherill
Member for Cheltenham
Leader of the South Australian Labor Party

and

Mr Geoff Brock
Member for Frome

Agreement to support stable and effective Government

Purpose

1. The State Labor Party has committed to governing for all South Australians.
2. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish stable and effective Government which works productively for all South Australians for the duration of this term of Government.
3. In developing this Agreement, the parties have attempted to, as far as possible, respond to the result of the South Australian State Election held on 15 March 2014.

Acknowledging the independence of the Independent Member

4. In all respects other than as set out in paragraphs 6 to 8, Mr Geoff Brock MP (the **Independent Member**) will vote on bills according to the needs of his electorate and his conscience.
5. Before voting against a bill introduced by the Government, or in favour of a bill introduced by the Opposition, the Independent Member will give the Premier a reasonable opportunity to consult with the Independent Member before the Independent Member votes.
6. The Independent Member will vote with the Government on all appropriation Bills, money Bills and money clauses as defined in the *Constitution Act 1934* (SA).
7. The Independent Member will vote with the Government on all motions of no confidence unless the motion is moved or seconded by the Independent Member, in which case the Independent Member will give the Premier a reasonable opportunity to consult before the Independent Member moves or seconds such a motion.
8. The Independent Member will vote with the Government on all motions to suspend standing orders (including motions to introduce sessional orders) unless the Independent Member gives the Premier a reasonable opportunity to consult with the Independent Member before the Independent Member votes.

Establishing and maintaining a respectful working relationship

9. The Premier will meet with the Independent Member at least once each sitting week, and more often as may be reasonably required by the Independent Member, when Parliament is in session.
10. The Premier (or a designated member of the Cabinet) will meet with the Independent Member (or his delegate) at least once each fortnight when Parliament is not in session.
11. Senior staff members within the Office of the Premier will liaise with staff in the office of the Independent Member to facilitate the meetings referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10, and to ensure that the Independent Member has access to the Premier, Ministers, and key agency officers as may be reasonably required.
12. The Independent Member may at any time, by communicating with the Office of the Premier:
 - a. request briefings on Government legislation or policy; and/or
 - b. propose policy for consideration by the Government.
13. Upon receiving a communication from an Independent Member in accordance with clause 12(a) above, the Office of the Premier will provide the requested briefing as soon as reasonably practicable.
14. Upon receiving a communication from an Independent Member in accordance with clause 12(b) above, the Office of the Premier will arrange for an advice on the proposal (including advice on the budgetary implications of the proposal) to be provided to the Independent Member as soon as reasonably practicable.
15. The obligations set out in clauses 10 to 14 above may be amended by agreement between the Premier and the Independent Member.

Responding to the State Election

Increased transparency of election costings

16. During the 2014 State Election, both major parties criticised the costings approach of the other major party. The Government and the Independent Member will work together to establish a process whereby:
 - a. political parties may submit policies to a Parliamentary Budget Advisory Service (PBAS) for costing in the period leading up to and including the election;
 - b. in the event that a political party declines to submit any policy for costing to the PBAS, that fact will be required to be revealed on the release of that policy, and in material referring to that policy;
 - c. a list of the policies submitted by the political parties to the PBAS will be published by the PBAS four days prior to election day to enable proper scrutiny of the parties' costings;

- d. except for the publication under paragraph 16(c) above, advice provided to or from the PBAS will remain confidential to the party submitting the relevant policy.

Election Conduct

17. During the State Election, there were instances of conduct by candidates and political parties which were not in accordance with the *Electoral Act 1985*, and which were not corrected during the election period.
18. The Government will work together with the Independent Member and the Parliament to establish a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the parts of the *Electoral Act 1985* governing the conduct of parties and candidates in elections, and in particular the parts governing the enforcement of rulings by the Electoral Commissioner, in the context of the 2014 State Election.

Parliamentary Conduct

19. The Government and the Independent Member agree that there is a justified concern in the community about the standards of parliamentary conduct.
20. The Government will work together with the Independent Member and the Parliament to introduce a code of conduct for members of Parliament.

Regional South Australia

21. The Government and the Independent Member agree that the election result indicates that the Government must re-establish confidence in regional communities that their concerns are effectively heard within Government and are responded to.
22. The Government and the Independent Member will work together to establish a charter to ensure that the needs and special circumstances of regional South Australia are taken into account by the Government when developing legislation and policy, and in particular, to ensure that regional South Australia benefits from economic development and receives fair access to Government services.

Small Business

23. The Government and the Independent Member agree that the election result indicates that the Government must re-establish confidence in the small business community that its concerns are effectively heard within Government and are responded to.
24. The Government and the Independent Member will work together to establish a charter to ensure that the needs and special circumstances of small business are taken into account by the Government when developing legislation and policy.

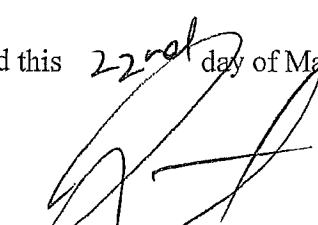
General

25. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement represents their understanding and intentions but that neither party is constrained from acting in what they consider to be the best interests of the State of South Australia. However, the parties undertake that, in so far as it is consistent with their duty, before taking any action to bring this

Agreement to an end, that party will communicate with the other parties with a view to reaching an accommodation consistent with the intent and purpose of this Agreement.

26. This Agreement will come into effect upon the execution of this Agreement by the parties.

Signed this *22nd* day of March 2014



The Honourable Jay Weatherill
Member for Cheltenham
Leader of the South Australian Labor Party



Mr Geoff Brock
Member for Frome

The Honourable Jay Weatherill
Member for Cheltenham
Leader of the South Australian Labor Party
("Premier")

and

Mr Geoff Brock
Member for Frome
("Minister")

Agreement

- (A) The Premier leads a Labor Government, after the State Election held on 15 March 2014, and is in a position to form a minority Government.
- (B) The Premier and the Minister agree that it is in the best interests of the people of South Australia that the Minister be appointed as a minister within the Labor Government.
- (C) The Minister is neither a member of the Labor Party nor the Liberal Party ("the major parties") and will remain unaffiliated with the major parties.
- (D) The purpose of this Agreement is to record the political understanding reached between the Premier and the Minister as to how the Minister can be a member of the Labor Government whilst remaining unaffiliated with the major parties.
- (E) The Premier and the Minister agree that the Minister will have a special position in Cabinet in that, by reason of his non-affiliation with the Labor Party, there is a class of issues in respect of which it will not always be possible for the Minister to be bound by a Cabinet decision (the class is defined in clause 3 and are referred to in this Agreement as "Issues"). The agreement reached between the Premier and the Minister is intended to reduce to a minimum any matters where the Minister will not be able to agree to a decision of Cabinet, but acknowledges that when such a circumstance arises, the parties will seek to identify it as early as possible and the Minister will absent himself from the Cabinet discussion at the earliest time.

1. APPOINTMENT AS PORTFOLIO MINISTER

In the event that the Premier is able to form a minority government, the Premier will advise His Excellency the Governor to appoint the Minister to a ministerial portfolio to be determined by the Premier.

- 1.1 The Minister will have authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the State for the purposes of his portfolio.
- 1.2 In each of his Ministerial capacities, the Minister will be serviced by and may give directions to the Departments to which his ministerial capacities relate in accordance with the *Public Sector Act, 2010*.
- 1.3 The Premier will, at the request of the Minister, engage personal staff selected by the Minister, in consultation with the Premier, to assist the Minister.
- 1.4 In performing his portfolio responsibilities the Minister must give effect to (in order of priority):
 - 1.4.1 Any applicable laws or directions, instructions or orders having legal effect;
 - 1.4.2 Any decisions of the Executive Council;
 - 1.4.3 Any decisions of Cabinet;
 - 1.4.4 Any policies agreed between the Minister and the Premier;
 - 1.4.5 Save as specified in para 2.7 of the Agreement, any relevant policies announced by the Labor Party in the 2014 South Australian election ("Labor Policies").
- 1.5 Where the Minister is unable or unwilling to perform his Ministerial responsibilities in accordance with 2.4, the Minister must immediately inform the Premier of that fact, together with his reasons, and will meet with the Premier as soon as may be convenient in order to seek some accommodation between them.
- 1.6 The Minister must make every effort to provide the Premier with as much notice as possible when the Minister is unwilling or unable to perform his Ministerial responsibilities in accordance with 2.4.
- 1.7 It is understood that the Minister may not have to comply with Labor policies in relation to:
 - 1.7.1 significant matters affecting the small business and regional communities; and
 - 1.7.2 issues believed to be matters of conscience.
- 1.8 The Minister will be bound by the Ministerial Code of Conduct except as provided for in this Agreement.

2. ATTENDANCE AT CABINET

- 2.1 The Minister will be provided the same Cabinet papers as every other Minister.

- 2.2 The Minister will peruse those Cabinet documents at his earliest opportunity.
- 2.3 If, after reading a Cabinet document, in the opinion of the Minister, it would be inconsistent with the Minister's non-affiliation with the major parties for the Minister to be bound by a Cabinet decision in relation to an Issue, the Minister must immediately upon reaching that opinion, inform the Premier of that fact, together with his reasons, and will meet with the Premier as soon as may be convenient in order to seek some accommodation between them in relation to the policy and/or procedure to be followed.
- 2.4 The Minister must make every effort to provide the Premier with as much notice as possible when the Minister believes a matter for decision in Cabinet will be inconsistent with the Minister's non-affiliation with the major parties.
- 2.5 The Minister agrees that in this Agreement, the Issues will be limited to:
 - 2.5.1 issues with direct and immediate effect upon the Minister's electorate;
 - 2.5.2 significant matters affecting the small business and regional communities;
 - 2.5.3 such other matters as the Minister has advised the Premier from time to time in writing.
- 2.6 If, after the meeting referred to in clause 3.3 of this Agreement, no other accommodation can be reached then the Minister will:
 - 2.6.1 immediately return to the Cabinet office all copies of the relevant Cabinet documents and all notes or other records relating to the relevant Cabinet documents or copies; and
 - 2.6.2 absent himself from that part of the Cabinet discussion where the relevant matter will be or is being discussed.
- 2.7 Even where the Minister has absented himself from Cabinet in accordance with this clause, the Minister agrees that he will not criticise, comment on or disclose the relevant policy until the policy has been publicly announced by the Government.
- 2.8 The Premier agrees that the Minister, having complied with the arrangements in this Agreement, is not subject to the usual rules of Cabinet solidarity in respect of that particular matter. In particular, the Minister, whilst remaining a member of the Cabinet, may criticise the particular Government policy in relation to which the Minister

absented himself from Cabinet after the policy has been publicly announced.

2.9 The Minister may not divulge any of the material in any Cabinet documents and is bound by Cabinet secrecy in the same way as any Minister notwithstanding, anything in this Agreement.

2.10 Except as provided in this Agreement:

(a) The Minister will be a full member of Cabinet with the same entitlements to take matters to Cabinet, to discuss matters within Cabinet and to vote on matters in Cabinet as any other Minister.

(b) The Minister will be subject to the usual rules of Cabinet solidarity.

3. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

3.1 The Minister agrees that he will not provide advice directly to the Governor except with the prior approval of the Premier.

3.2 The Minister agrees that he will not attend an Executive Council meeting where there is on the agenda a matter upon which he absented himself from Cabinet in accordance with clause 3 of this Agreement.

5 VOTING IN PARLIAMENT

5.1 Save for a matter on which the Minister has absented himself from Cabinet in accordance with clause 3 of the Agreement, the Minister agrees to support the Government in the Parliament and to vote with the Government on any matter raised in the Parliament which has received the prior approval of Cabinet.

5.2 The Minister is not obliged to support the Government in the Parliament nor to vote with the Government in relation to:

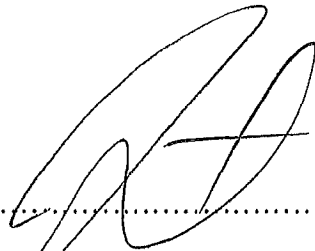
5.2.1 matters about which he has absented himself from Cabinet or

5.2.2 votes concerning Issues about which he has given notice to the Premier (unless he has voted in Cabinet in relation to that Issue).

5.3 The obligation on the Minister to vote to support the Government in the circumstances set out in clause 5.1 above, is in addition to any other obligations the Minister has entered into with the Government regarding support for the Government on matters of appropriation, money bills and clauses, and confidence.

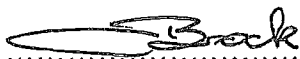
6. EFFECT OF AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge that this Agreement represents their understanding and intentions, but that neither party is thereby constrained from acting in what they perceive to be the best interests of the State of South Australia. However, both parties undertake, so far as is consistent with their duty, that before taking any action to bring this Agreement to an end that party will communicate with the other with a view to reaching some accommodation consistent with the intent and purpose of this Agreement.



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Hon Jay Weatherill
Member for Cheltenham
Leader of the South Australian Labor Party

22 March 2014



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Geoff Brock
Member for Frome

22nd MARCH 2014.

Charter for Stronger Regional Policy

Three in every 10 South Australians live in a regional community and make a major contribution to South Australia's identity, quality of life and prosperity.

Regional South Australians generate much of our State's wealth, contributing more than \$20 billion towards our economy and producing more than 50 per cent of South Australia's overseas exports.

Collectively, they affect the lives of every South Australian. They work the land to produce our food and drink, they grow and fish for our seafood, they mine for the riches beneath us and they produce products that we sell to the world.

The people that run small regional businesses support the fabric and economy of their local community. They provide jobs, products and services that contribute to the enviable way of life that many country people enjoy.

Many regional citizens volunteer their time to care for the needs of others in their communities, contributing to the strong community spirit that characterises our country towns.

South Australia's country citizens show great resiliency and a can-do attitude, often in the face of challenging conditions, such as drought, floods and bushfires.

But their biggest challenges often come from the sometimes vast distance between where they live and the services they need to grow their businesses and support their families.

It is incumbent upon State Government to recognise the needs and special circumstances of regional South Australians in policy planning for healthcare, education, transport, infrastructure, community services and economic growth.

This must start from a foundation of open and regular discussion with local people about local needs, irrespective of where they live. In this way, we can support regional communities to develop their own visions and lead their own future.

South Australia has always worked best when strong government works with strong business and strong communities. This Charter sets out a commitment to a new way of engaging with regional South Australians.

The State Government will ensure the views of regional South Australians are fully considered in decision-making, helping to deliver on the commitment to govern for all South Australians.

The State Government's commitment to stronger regional policy will be achieved through the actions outlined below.

Recognising the importance of the regions

The State Government will reform Cabinet structures to recognise the importance of regional South Australia. In particular the Cabinet will establish a new Regional South Australia Cabinet Taskforce, to be chaired by the Minister for Regional Development. The taskforce will comprise relevant Ministers and expert advisers from outside government.

Listening to the regions

Regional communities will have more opportunities to discuss their views directly with decision-makers through:

- ❖ Reintroduction of Community Cabinet meetings, with a commitment to three Community Cabinet meetings each year in regional areas of South Australia, to ensure Cabinet as a whole continues to take into account regional perspectives.
- ❖ Taking Parliament to the people through at least one State Parliamentary forum in a regional area once per year.
- ❖ Requiring at least one Minister to spend a day each week in a regional area to ensure regional perspectives are taken into account in their decision-making.
- ❖ Holding at least three Senior Management Council meetings in regions each year. In addition, all Chief Executives will be required to make regular trips to regions.
- ❖ Developing an interactive portal connected to the SAGov website to engage with regional communities and provide better access to government information on regions.
- ❖ Encouraging the Commonwealth Government to maintain their website myregion.gov.au which provides region-specific data and information, and is currently being reviewed.
- ❖ A dedicated 'GovChat' program that enables regional South Australians to discuss issues directly with the Premier, Government Ministers and Chief Executives through phone-ins and social media. A response will be provided to issues raised through 'GovChat' within 14 days.

Transparent funding for regional South Australia

To provide greater accountability and transparency regarding the State Government's funding for regional South Australia the government will publish material in its budget papers setting out the funding provided to regional communities, so the community can clearly identify the funding that is provided to regional South Australia.

Decision-making to support the regions

To ensure greater focus on regional South Australia in government decision-making, the State Government will:

- ❖ Realign and increase the capacity of the Olympic Dam Taskforce to have a broader focus on delivering regional development projects. The new Regional Development Projects Taskforce will have access to the State Government's New Jobs Acceleration Fund to provide funding support for projects that meet job creation and economic development criteria.
- ❖ Require Regional Development Australia committees to be consulted on relevant policy development, including infrastructure and service delivery priorities, with an increased State Government funding commitment to RDA.
- ❖ Hold an annual Regional Summit, in conjunction with South Australia's universities, to gain independent, expert advice on regional policy.
- ❖ Commit to make regional development a standing agenda item of the Premier's State/Local Government Forum, which will be held a minimum of three times a year.

Listening to the views of young regional South Australians

Young regional South Australians will have more opportunities to contribute their views through:

- ❖ A scholarship program to support more young people from regional areas to attend the annual Youth Parliament.
- ❖ A new regional student internship program to give students in regional areas opportunities to work within government and experience policy making and Parliamentary processes first-hand.

Charter for Small Business

Introduction

1. Small businesses are the cornerstone of South Australia's economy. Supporting them to grow is critical to ensuring that we become a more prosperous state.
2. Greater attention should be paid to the needs of small business in government decision-making. Government programs have tended to focus on supporting corporations and regulation has not been tailored to suit small business.
3. The State Government has undertaken measures to redress some of these deficiencies, by creating the Small Business Commissioner and the Industry Participation Advocate, but there is much more to be done.

Stronger representation for small businesses

4. The State Government will convene regular meetings to allow small businesses to put their views directly to the Premier and relevant ministers, and that participation through electronic means will be possible to connect businesses in regional areas.
5. The State Government will appoint a small business to the Economic Development Board to ensure that small business concerns are heard by the top level of government.

Support for entrepreneurs and new businesses

6. Entrepreneurs and new businesses drive innovation in the rest of our economy. The State Government supports giving them the support that they need to create and grow new businesses.
7. The State Government will invest in entrepreneurs hubs which are led by business to back themselves, as well as in a micro finance fund which supports the growth of smaller businesses.

Ensuring small businesses get their fair share of government contracts

8. The South Australian Government is one of the largest purchasers of services in the economy, with \$3.8 billion in contracts let every year.
9. The Government commits to all reasonable measures that will ensure that South Australian businesses are given the best opportunity to win government work.
10. The State Government is committed to retaining the Industry Participation Advocate and expanding its role by appointing new industry category specialists who will change how government purchases products.
11. These specialists will be given the power to intervene in how government purchasing works so government adopts new innovative solutions proposed by South Australian businesses, as long as they deliver value for money for taxpayers.

Supporting businesses through economic transition

12. Small businesses are particularly vulnerable to the effect of economic shocks like the closure of the automotive manufacturing industry. Many of the businesses in this industry are small to medium enterprises and the negative effect on broader economic activity will hit small business hardest.
13. The State Government will ensure that we provide the support necessary for businesses to transition to new, growing parts of our economy through the investment in Our Jobs Plan.

Reducing costs for small business

14. The State Government has committed to WorkCover reform which will reduce the cost of WorkCover premiums paid by small businesses. The State Government recommits to implementing these reforms.
15. The State Government will also provide another round of targeted payroll assistance to small businesses in 2014-15 which will effectively

halve the payroll tax payable by a small business with a payroll less than \$1 million.

16. The State Government will further cut red tape by undertaking another round of red tape reduction, targeted at cutting the red tape which makes it harder for businesses to grow.

Helping small businesses grow globally

17. South Australian businesses need to grow their businesses around the world in order to take advantage of the export opportunities which exist offshore. Government to government connections are essential to doing business in many high growth economies.
18. The State Government will ensure that small business representatives accompany the Premier and senior ministers on international trade missions which they undertake, particularly to key markets like China, India and South East Asia.