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Dear Ms Perry,

RE: RAA's 2026 State Election Platform

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the RAA's 2026 State Election platform.

Below please find the response to your request on behalf of the Greens SA:

RAA commitments	Greens Position
<p>National Highway Upgrades: As part of a long-term plan to upgrade our national highways, complete planning and commit funding to duplicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Augusta Highway between Port Pirie and Crystal Brook b) Sturt Highway between Truro and Nuriootpa c) Dukes Highway between Taillem Bend and Mallee Highway 	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>Support in principle, with a focus on improving road safety on national highway routes and regional roads, while recognising that equivalent investment in critical rail corridors to support freight routes is also required.</p>
<p>Adelaide Hills Freight Bypass: Secure full funding and progress the Adelaide Hills Freight Bypass, including Truro Bypass and upgrade of Swanport Bridge.</p>	<p>The Greens SA note that community consultation and improved road safety must be key considerations in the any proposal to introduce a major infrastructure project such as a road bypass route.</p> <p>In November 2025, The Greens passed a motion calling for an alternative freight by-pass route through the Adelaide Hills and to scrutinise the Labor Government's decision to divert heavy vehicles along River Road and Strathalbyn Road. The motion was supported and the issue should be considered by the Environment, Resources and Development Committee. The matter will be considered by the Committee in 2026.</p>

	<p>More information on the Motion can be found at: Motion: River Road and Strathalbyn Road Diversion - Robert Simms MLC</p>
<p>Road safety maintenance: Increase road maintenance funding to a minimum of \$250 million per year to address the increasing maintenance backlog resulting from historical underspend</p>	<p>The Greens support improving road safety and recognises that more needs to be done to invest in cycling routes and public transport.</p>
<p>Road safety data: Release and use AusRAP star ratings to improve transparency and support evidence-based funding decisions</p>	<p>Support in principle</p>
<p>Local government capacity: Fund better asset management tools for local councils to enhance data-driven infrastructure planning</p>	<p>Support in principle</p>
<p>Road safety upgrades: Develop a Safety and Productivity Program to improve roads in the Fleurieu Peninsula</p>	<p>Support in principle</p>
<p>Cycling and e-mobility infrastructure: Invest \$10 million each year into a dedicated infrastructure fund to support safer cycling and the use of e-mobility devices</p>	<p>Support - The Greens have committed to invest \$100 million over 4 years in cycling and walking paths.</p> <p>Safety is the number one barrier to people cycling more. We can improve the health and wellbeing of our community by providing attractive and safe cycle routes to get people where they need to go.</p> <p>The Greens are committed to fully funding cycleways and providing extensive funding to do so. In some cases, it might require declaring major cycleway projects that cross multiple councils as state significant projects.</p>
<p>Energy efficient homes: Progress the disclosure of energy ratings for existing residential homes,</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>The Greens will reintroduce legislation on minimum energy efficiency rental standards in rental properties.</p>

backed with support to fund energy efficiency upgrades	
EV-ready homes: Implement the latest EV-ready building standards for new homes	Support
Vehicle to home charging: Offer grants for 1,000 home bi-directional chargers to drive the convergence of vehicle and home energy systems	Support
Circular economy: Commit to developing a renewable energy resource recovery precinct	Support
Public EV charging: Develop a competitive EV charging infrastructure grants program for small businesses and local governments, targeting regions and tourism hotspots	Support The Greens will encourage visitors to the regions by doubling the number of existing EV charging stations. We will invest \$40 million in optimising and expanding the network of electric car charging stations in the regions. This will allow for up to 450 charging stations across the state.
Electric public transport: Mandate that only zero emission buses are purchased for Adelaide Metro services going forward and invest in smart charging infrastructure at depots	Support The SA Greens will invest in 1000 new electric buses, to be manufactured in northern Adelaide and incorporated into the Adelaide Metro bus fleet by 2029. Our state has a proud history of manufacturing, and leadership on renewable energy. Let's bring these two together to make South Australia a leader in electric vehicle uptake and manufacturing, creating new jobs while we do it. This commitment will see over half of the existing fleet replaced with electric buses by 2029.
Disaster mitigation funding: Commit \$20 million per year for disaster mitigation measures, matching the National Disaster Ready Fund	Support
Data-driven planning: Complete and implement the flood hazard	Support

code amendment within the next two years	
Safer and more resilient homes: Commit to implementing building code changes that improve climate resilience for homes	<p>Support</p>
Rail expansion: Develop and release a blueprint to expand passenger rail to the north and south of Adelaide and investigate options to unlock capacity at Adelaide railway station	<p>Support</p> <p>The Greens will fund the extension of the rail line from Belair to Mount Barker with stops at Aldgate, Bridgewater and Balhannah. Mount Barker is one of the fastest growing regions in South Australia, resulting in congestion on the South Eastern Freeway. On this line, we could see eventual expansion to Murray Bridge. The rail line corridor already exists so the cost will be to adapt the infrastructure to the current rail line, which will cost around \$700 million.</p> <p>We will also fund an extension to the current line from Grange to West Lakes would provide much needed reprieve from traffic bottlenecks and support the significant population growth in the area. Further extensions would be beneficial to Semaphore Beach.</p> <p>Over the next 10 years, The Greens will also extend the train line south to stops at Strathalbyn, Goolwa, and Victor Harbor.</p>
On-demand services: Expand on-demand bus networks to improve services in outer suburbs and regional centres	<p>Support</p> <p>We will invest \$300 million annually in more frequent and reliable buses across Adelaide, and from the city to the regions, as well as between towns outside of Adelaide. Buses are a low cost and effective way to encourage public transport use for residents and visitors.</p> <p>The Greens will add new bus routes and provide additional services on existing lines to provide for the needs of communities. That includes regional areas that are currently underserved. Regional connectivity does not meet the needs of all residents, especially those who cannot drive or afford to own a car.</p> <p>Some of the key high growth areas around Adelaide that could benefit from high frequency and express buses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Creek – which is 20 mins from the city on the Gawler train line, but the bus services are slow and

	<p>stop frequently. We would introduce express buses from the city and from the entertainment centre on the western side of the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverlea – it currently takes 20 minutes to drive into the city but nearly 2 hours and a minimum of 2 changeovers to travel between Riverlea and the city. A frequent express bus line between the city and a new Riverlea interchange will provide an incentive to use public transport. • Concordia – express bus route to Concordia from the city to provide additional public transport to the Gawler line and frequent connecting buses from Gawler train station to Concordia • Sellicks Beach – at the moment, it takes over 2 hours to catch a bus from Adelaide city to Sellicks Beach, with a changeover at Seaford. We would introduce a direct express bus line from Adelaide city to Port Willunga and Sellicks Beach.
<p>Public transport fees: Implement a new 12-trip fare for \$36 to help regular users reduce travel costs</p>	<p>Support - The Greens would go further to reduce travel costs by rolling out 50c fares to reduce transport costs.</p> <p>A 6-month trial of 50 cent fares in Queensland saw a massive 18 per cent jump in the number of people using public transport and saved regular commuters millions of dollars. This incentive was so successful that both Labor and Liberal parties in Queensland have committed to making 50 cent fares permanent.</p> <p>In South Australia, on the other hand the Labor Government has chosen to <i>increase</i> fares for adults, included in the 2025 state budget. This is buried in their announcement to cut fares for students to 25 cents.</p> <p>Labor should instead commit to rolling out 50 cent public transport fares, and free fares for schoolkids. That would save South Australian commuters, on average, close to \$3,000 a year for families. That is more money in the hip pocket of families, it reduces congestion on our roads and, importantly, it reduces carbon emissions at this time of climate crisis.</p>
<p>Bus network improvements and metro boundary expansion: Review bus operations to improve</p>	<p>Support - see above</p>

<p>frequency and reliability of the bus network</p>	
<p>Regional transport: Create a fund for local councils to develop new transport options for regional communities</p>	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The South Australian Greens will invest \$2 billion over four years upgrading Adelaide's public transport system, including the Adelaide Hills and better, more frequent connections to our regions.</p>
<p>Road infrastructure: Develop a road infrastructure program to support housing growth, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Curtis Road duplication b) An overpass at the intersection of Port Wakefield Road and Riverlea c) A third lane on Main North Road between Montague Road and Kesters Road d) A third lane on Main South Road between the Southern Expressway and the Onkaparinga River e) Planning for a third lane on the South Eastern Freeway from Crafers to Verdun 	<p>Support in principle, with a focus on improving road safety and adequate investment in public transport infrastructure to reduce decongestion.</p>
<p>Fuel price transparency: Recommit to keeping real-time fuel pricing in its current form</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Transport affordability: Maintain affordability of transport costs by ensuring any increases in government fees and charges are at or below CPI</p>	<p>As above - The Greens support the roll out of 50c fares to reduce transport costs.</p>
<p>Fair and equitable road user charge: Work with the Federal Government to develop and</p>	<p>Support</p>

implement fair and equitable road user charge	
Accessible driving lessons: Expand the Licence to Work Program to deliver more driving lessons for low-income adults and apprentices	Support
Export-ready Tourism: Create a \$5 million fund to strengthen digital capability and export-readiness of small and community operators, complemented by \$1.4 million for additional SATC resourcing to drive product and destination development	Support in principle
Competitive marketing funding: Increase SATC marketing funding to at least \$40 million per year	Support in principle
New attractions and drawcards: Create a co-investment model to attract new year-round tourism experiences in South Australia	Support in principle

Kind regards,



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