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Dear Tanya,

Thank you for providing the State Liberal Team with the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA) priorities ahead of the State Election in March. As the Shadow Treasurer, I am writing on behalf of my colleagues in the South Australian Liberal Party.

We value the perspective and experience that the AHCSA provides as we continue to shape key health and wellbeing policies. The State Liberals recognise that the significant funds directed towards initiatives such as Labor's State Voice could have instead been used to strengthen and expand frontline services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, including health workers, regional clinics, and community support programs. Prioritising these services would deliver tangible, on the ground support that directly improves outcomes. The AHCSA's priorities align with the policy platform we have developed, and through your suggestions, we believe we can deliver meaningful, long-lasting support to create a better health system, and greater access to affordable and social housing, particularly for regional and rural South Australians.

To date, the State Liberals have announced a strong suite of practical reforms, including:

- Building a better health system for generations to come, with a guarantee that the current Women's and Children's Hospital site will not be sold and will remain a dedicated health precinct.
- An Interstate and Overseas GP Attraction Package, offering a \$40,000 incentive to attract high-quality GPs to South Australia.
- A Nurse and Midwife Recruitment Scholarship Program, providing up to \$30,000 to support training.
- Nurse and midwife retention and re-attraction bonuses, including payments of \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000 after 10, 15 and 20 years of service respectively, and \$20,000 to rejoin the workforce.
- Up-front relocation incentives of \$15,000 for interstate and overseas health professionals relocating to South Australia to work in the public health system.
- Scrapping Labor's GP payroll tax grab to make it more affordable for South Australians to see a doctor.
- An After-Hours GP Access Trial to support extended opening hours during the week and on Sundays, taking pressure off emergency departments.
- A free flu vaccination period to help reduce winter demand on the health system.





In addition to this, we are committed to delivering better social and affordable housing options in South Australia. It was the former Liberal Government that prioritised investment into social housing, while focusing on solutions for those seeking crisis and emergency accommodation. We have continued to advocate for these issues in Opposition, calling on the Labor Party to urgently change the rules to address public housing maintenance issue which delayed tenants from moving into suitable social housing options.

These policies represent just part of the broader vision we will put forward before the March State Election.

We will continue to outline our positions through a series of policy announcements in the coming period. With this, the AHCSA can be assured that that the State Liberals are committed to delivering better outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people if elected in 2026.

We thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Should you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office at benhood.office@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BH".

Hon. Ben Hood MLC

Shadow Treasurer

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