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	<p>Develop options for avoiding or limiting long hospital stays, including through co-design with older people</p>	<p>Supported through SA-BEST call for Royal Commission. Supported through adoption of reforming primary and community health programs aimed at increasing consumer health literacy and awareness</p>
	<p>Develop an approach through co-design that supports older people needing to travel to specialist services either across the city or from country areas, including access to transport, visitors' benefits, information, planning, advice and support.</p>	<p>Support in principle through a review of access and equity to health systems to be inclusive of increased access to health support services in community, regional and remote areas.</p>
	<p>Support peer programs in SA to build awareness of vital health interventions for older people, including falls prevention, planning ahead and medication management.</p>	<p>Supported in principle</p>
	<p>Extend access to appropriate physical fitness programs for older people with an emphasis on access in rural and regional SA and for older low income, CALD and Aboriginal people.</p>	<p>Supported in principle</p>
	<p>Recognise the low participation rate in Advance Care Directives (ACDs) and increase the understanding, active completion and use of ACDs by -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving community and practitioner understanding of the barriers for the completion and subsequent use of ACDs • Measuring the effectiveness of ACDs • Funding peer education to raise community awareness among older people and their families/supporters about the value of ACDs • Encouraging health professionals to understand, respect and make active use of ACDs. 	<p>Supported in principle through seniors policies</p>

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 <p data-bbox="114 571 488 635">HOUSING</p>	<p>Prioritise the development of a comprehensive housing strategy for disadvantaged older South Australians.</p>	<p>SA-BEST Seniors Policy supports the introduction of a new low cost housing model for disadvantaged south Australians based on the successful Victorian Home at Last model.</p>
	<p>Include age as a priority factor for access to public housing.</p>	<p>Supported in principle and inclusive of the above response</p>
	<p>Fund a one-stop housing support service for older people.</p>	<p>SA-BEST will support the implementation of a new and effective model of housing allocation and management</p>
 <p data-bbox="114 1034 488 1098">TRANSPORT</p>	<p>Fund the extension of free public transport beyond off-peak times.</p>	<p>SA- BEST has released policy statements stating that if elected we will remove the eligibility criteria and extend to un limited travel. This will include travel from regional centres.</p>
	<p>Support the development of transport options for people without access to private transport to travel within and between local communities and suburbs.</p>	<p>SA-BEST supports a review of transport options in principle, with announcements for regional locations recently made.</p>
	<p>Invest in comprehensive digital literacy training, particularly for older people and in rural areas.</p>	<p>Supported through policy linked to the reintroduction of new primary health services and community health hubs in regional and remote areas</p>
	<p>Create expectations that businesses will support users to access digital information and not charge for hard copy bills or other essential information.</p>	<p>Supported in principle. SA-BEST has advocated for the cessation of hard copy accounts attracting a service fee from providers</p>

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 <p data-bbox="114 571 488 635">EMPLOYMENT</p>	<p data-bbox="521 225 1178 288">Support initiatives with employers and recruiters to tackle employment-based age discrimination.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 225 1509 248">Supported in principle</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 416 1167 552">Trial a mid-career check and planning service for people aged 50 and over, focused on planning ahead, upskilling and retraining and understanding future housing and financial goals.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 336 1509 360">Supported in principle</p>
 <p data-bbox="114 1090 488 1153">DIVERSITY</p>	<p data-bbox="521 679 1178 775">Build advocacy with older people living in rural and regional SA, particularly in areas experiencing financial downturn.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 679 1509 703">Supported in principle</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 823 1167 1062">Adopt the recommendations of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Age Friendly SA report, including improvements to the age-friendliness of outdoor spaces, public buildings and public transport, as well as projects connecting older people of CALD backgrounds with their communities, and facilitating access to information and services.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 823 1509 847">Supported in Principle</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 1110 1133 1174">Establish a community hub for older LGBTIQ South Australians.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 1110 1509 1134">Supported in Principle</p>

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 <p data-bbox="114 675 488 730">COST OF LIVING</p>	<p data-bbox="521 225 1178 323">Install solar panels and batteries in all public and social housing, including those intended for older people.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 225 1865 252">Supported in principle – refer SA-BEST energy policy</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 371 1178 470">Provide incentives for private sector landlords to offer energy-efficient private rental for people on low incomes.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 371 1742 399">Supported through SA-BEST energy policy</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 515 1178 614">Offer the electricity concession as a percentage of the electricity cost of the household rather than a flat rate.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 515 2134 614">Supported through SA-BEST Seniors Policy calling for a reduction in energy costs based on a percentage of usage with a capped annual amount, regardless of if government or private housing</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 659 1178 758">Require all government services - including health - to have strategies in place to protect people on low incomes from being exposed to fees and co-payments.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 659 1509 686">Supported in Principle</p>
	<p data-bbox="521 807 1178 863">Work with other states and territories to establish a national framework on elder abuse.</p>	<p data-bbox="1240 807 2033 863">SA-BEST has released a comprehensive policy on the protection of vulnerable persons adopting all major recommendations</p>

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	<p>Commit increased resources to campaigns and activities that counter ageism and create new opportunities for older people throughout SA.</p>	<p>SA-BEST supports COTA and other likeminded agencies to introduce programs to counter ageism across the community through training programs, and workforce management for those over 50</p>
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