

COTA SA STATE ELECTION SCORECARD

	Australian Labor Party (ALP)	Liberal Party (LIB)	Greens (GRN)	SA Best (SAB)	Dignity (DIG)	Australian Conservatives (AC)
HEALTH						
HOUSING						
TRANSPORT						
DIGITAL INCLUSION						
EMPLOYMENT						
DIVERSITY						
COST OF LIVING						
ELDER PROTECTION						
AGEISM AND ATTITUDES TO AGEING						
OVERALL						

HEALTH	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Develop options for avoiding or limiting long hospital stays, including through co-design with older people							ALP reference new SA Community Care program but provide no detail. SA Best refers to policy on Royal Commission on health without commitments. Liberals commit new money in palliative care and to co-design. Greens and Dignity support in principle, Australian Conservatives no detail.
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.							Liberals commitment to co-design, increased support, lower carparking fees, ALP commits to continuation of current, no additional services. The Greens, SA Best, Dignity and Australian Conservatives broadly support but responses lack detail.
Support peer programs in SA to build awareness of vital health interventions for older people, including falls prevention, planning ahead and medication management.							SA Best and Greens supported in principle but responses lack detail.
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.							SA Best supported in principle but response lacks detail. Australian Conservatives' response covers rural and regional areas but not CALD or Aboriginal people.
Recognise the low participation rate in Advance Care Directives (ACDs) and increase the understanding, active completion and use of ACDs by 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.							SA Best supported in principle but response lacks detail. Greens' response focuses on improving practitioner understanding of ACDs but lacks detail on community or peer education.
OVERALL							Liberals commit to new services, commitment to co-design. Minor parties support in principle, ALP continuation of existing

HOUSING	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Prioritise the development of a comprehensive housing strategy for disadvantaged older South Australians.							Liberals propose audit and plan but not specific to older people. ALP co-design work re neighbourliness, design within existing stock without plan to focus on disadvantage. Greens and Dignity responses lack detail. AC support housing plan.
Include age as a priority factor for access to public housing.							ALP shared equity program and new housing, but no priority for older people. Liberals agree to discuss access guidelines with stakeholders. Australian Conservatives support inquiry into demand and need. Dignity says income must be first criteria for assessment.
Fund a one-stop housing support service for older people.							Specific commitment from SA Best and Dignity for new housing service for older people using Home at Last model
OVERALL							

TRANSPORT	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Fund the extension of free public transport beyond off-peak times.							Liberals say they will review current arrangements.
Support the development of transport options for people without access to private transport to travel within and between local communities and suburbs.							Liberals and SA Best support a review of transport options. Australian Conservatives emphasis on transport to medical appointments
OVERALL							

DIGITAL INCLUSION	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Provide free Wi-Fi to support digital access for all.							Supported by Greens and Dignity, ALP Liberal to explore.
Invest in best practice and comprehensive digital literacy training with an emphasis on older people including in rural areas.							Liberals will explore implementing services at regional and suburban hubs, but no firm commitment. Australian Conservatives support an inquiry into digital inclusion but no firm policy commitments at this stage.
Create expectations that businesses will support users to learn to access digital information and not charge for hard copy bills or other essential information.							Australian Conservatives support an inquiry into digital inclusion but no firm policy commitments at this stage.
OVERALL							

EMPLOYMENT	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Support initiatives with employers and recruiters to tackle employment-based age discrimination.							No new funding in this area but support in principle
Trial a mid-career check and planning service for people aged 50 and over, focused on planning ahead, upskilling and retraining needs and understanding future housing and financial goals.							ALP agree to fund trial over 3 years for \$650,000, supported by Australian Conservatives, Dignity, Greens. Support in principle for older workers by other parties.
OVERALL							

DIVERSITY	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Build capacity and advocacy with and by older people living in rural and regional SA, particularly those people living in areas experiencing financial downturn.							No new funding or initiatives
<p>Adopt the recommendations of the CALD Aged Friendly SA covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improvements to the age-friendliness of outdoor spaces and public buildings identifying opportunities to improve the age-friendliness of public transport (taking into account the views of older people from diverse communities) projects that connect older people of CALD background who are isolated or vulnerable to their local community projects explore ethno-specific communities' access to programs, social activities and groups for seniors to expand opportunities for social, cultural and economic participation projects that explore communication strategies to increase awareness of older people from CALD backgrounds to available information, services and programs. 							Liberals will explore implementing services at regional and suburban hubs, but no firm commitment provided.
Establish a community hub for older LGBTIQ South Australians.							Liberals proposed focus on aged care is an area largely of federal government responsibility. ALP focus on issues across LGBTIQ community rather than specific to older LGBTIQ.
OVERALL							

COST OF LIVING	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Offer the electricity concession as a percentage of the electricity cost of the household rather than a flat rate.							SA Best indicates it will consider this proposal.
Install solar panels and batteries in all public and social housing, including those intended for older people.							Liberals will assess the actions of the current government before undertaking a review. Australian Conservatives agree but only if not ongoing cost to taxpayer.
Provide incentives (including through taxation) for private sector landlords to offer energy-efficient private rental for people on low incomes.							The ALP will provide loans to benefit homeowners, not specifically tenants. Liberals will provide a subsidy scheme for all homeowners, not specifically landlords. Australian Conservatives said it will investigate this issue but does not provide firm policy commitments.
Require all government services – including health – to have strategies in place to protect people on low incomes from being exposed to new co-payments.							The ALP response doesn't specifically address the issue of co-payments.
OVERALL							Greens and Dignity active support for all cost of living measures.

ELDER PROTECTION	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Undertake legislative reform that enables a consistent, coordinated response to investigate and respond to the abuse and harm of adults (including older people) in vulnerable situations.							Unanimous support for legislation to tackle elder abuse
Work with other states and territories to establish a national framework on elder abuse including a focus on data collection around prevalence.							Unanimous support for framework (in cooperation with other states and territories)
OVERALL							

AGEISM AND ATTITUDES TO AGEING	ALP	LIB	GRN	SAB	DIG	AC	COTA SA Comment
Commit increased resources to campaigns and activities that counter ageism and create new opportunities for older people throughout SA, such as ZestFest.							Support in principle but no new initiatives. Proposal to rename Office for the Ageing and fund ageing well initiatives without detail (Liberal) and continuing commitment to policy unit (Greens)
OVERALL							