

KEY UDIA POLICY MESSAGES TO POLITICIANS

South Australian State Election – March 2014

The Urban Development Institute of Australia wants South Australia to grow strongly and have the most affordable housing in the nation.

We want people to say:	Which means the government must:
<i>“Go to Adelaide; it’s the place to settle in Australia”</i>	Give SA preferential migration status to boost our share of skilled migrants
<i>“We can buy for less in Adelaide”</i>	Reform affordable housing regulations to remove red tape and support market-based solutions
<i>“South Australia is a low taxation state; it’s open for business”</i>	Reintroduce the Housing Construction Grant, extend the First Home Owner’s Grant and introduce stamp duty concessions to stimulate residential development
<i>“Adelaide has the best planning approval process in Australia – it’s objective, professional and efficient”</i>	Reform the planning system to unequivocally support the economy of the state, remove red tape, reduce timelines and increase certainty
<i>“Adelaide supports new house development like no other city in Australia”</i>	Revitalise and integrate the state’s land management/development functions to deliver land development opportunities to the private sector
<i>“South Australia is a leader in providing housing to suit people with special needs”</i>	Transfer community housing services and assets (20% of Government’s outsourced portfolio) to community housing organisations (CHOs) to maximise Federal Government funding and efficiently support disadvantaged people
<i>“There’s an equitable sharing of infrastructure costs for new housing developments in Adelaide, which reduces the burden on new homebuyers”</i>	<p>Appoint a Coordinator-General of Infrastructure to oversee infrastructure provision by agencies and councils with power to resolve and determine infrastructure arrangements</p> <p>Invest in public transport infrastructure to support urban growth – specifically, rail electrification and light rail extensions</p>
<i>“Adelaide develops streetscapes that invite people to enjoy them”</i>	<p>Invest in conditional grants and taxation concessions for development of urban amenity and streetscaping</p> <p>Reinvest open space contributions made to the Planning & Development Fund in the same local council area from which collected</p>