

Good evening, I am sorry that I am not able to attend this forum in person and appreciate the opportunity to provide a written statement.

I acknowledge the land on which we meet today is the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and I pay respects to Kaurna elders, past, present and emerging. This was and always will be Aboriginal land.

I am standing in Dunstan because it is a community that I am very passionate about. I love our green belt and the diversity of our community. Dunstan is in my blood, in fact back in 1850 my family, the Clarke family, established a vineyard where the Norwood Oval now stands.

South Australian politics needs a shakeup as both major parties are putting the interests of their corporate donors ahead of our community and state. Dunstan is a great place to live and work, but without a positive vision for the future we risk being left behind.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 in South Australia has exposed the deficiencies in our state's public health system.

As cases continue to surge, it's clear we need to invest in public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and support those who have tested positive to the virus as an urgent priority. Additionally, legislative reform is needed to ensure workers exposed to the virus aren't getting a raw deal.

The Greens have a plan for a world-class response to COVID-19, funded by imposing a state-based Big Bank Levy.

If the Greens secure the balance of power in the state's Upper House this election, we will be pushing Labor and the Liberals to implement this plan.

The Green will:

- Ensure rapid antigen tests are free and easily accessible to all;
- Install air filters in all school classrooms to stop the spread; and
- Ensure all South Australian workers can access presumptive COVID-19 Cover under the Return to Work Act.

Our current planning system privileges the voice of vested interest and encourages speculation, corruption, and backroom deals. We must put people back into planning and create a planning system that serves the interests of communities and our

environment, not developers. The Greens will fight for changes to ensure that sustainable development, climate change impacts and social equity are the primary considerations underlying all planning decisions. We must protect our green spaces, increase our tree cover, and protect our heritage.

We are currently seeing the worst effects of climate change unfold.

The world, including Australia, needs to reduce its carbon emissions by 75% by the year 2030, and 100% by the year 2050. If we don't do this, it's game over!

Our state has a once in a generation opportunity to reverse the privatisation of our electricity system and become the renewable energy super power of Australia.

The Greens will:

- revive the Electricity Trust of South Australia (ETSA) as a publicly owned generator, as well as sole retailer and network provider;
- Direct ETSA to run at cost, eliminating profit from the system and cutting the average bill by \$409;
- Invest \$8.7 billion over four years in 7125 megawatts of publicly owned renewable energy and storage;
- Create 9,600 jobs a year installing and maintaining solar, wind and battery storage; and
- Set aside \$2 billion of the investment to provide free solar and storage for 200,000 renters, social housing and low income households.

When places around the world are rapidly investing in active transport and public transport, Adelaide is lagging. South Australia spends less than any other state in the country on cycling infrastructure. The Greens are the only party with a plan to transition our city from passive to active transport through developing a low stress local street network, and creating a safer environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

The Greens will bring the bus network back into public hands, reverse the Liberal's privatisation of the train and tram network and Labor's privatisation of buses.

We will fight for free public transport across the network.

The Greens are campaigning to win the balance of power in the State's Upper House so we can:

- Tackle climate change by rapidly transitioning to public-owned renewable energy and especially by supporting all forms of Electric Vehicles.
- Push for more investment in public housing. Our State is in a full-blown housing crisis with so many people at risk of being without a home. The Greens are pushing for 40,000 public homes to be built.
- Fund and focus on developing world-class public schools, TAFE, hospitals, government-owned aged care facilities and providing free public transport.
- Restore integrity to politics by banning donations from vested interests such as the fossil fuel industry.
- Invest in public health, particularly in preventative health, and have a strategy for fixing our broken health system that goes beyond just beds

Your vote is powerful. This election, if both Robert Simms and Yesha Joshi are elected to the State Parliament, the Greens will secure the balance of power which means no matter who forms the next government, the Greens can negotiate for more investment in public housing, healthcare and action on the climate.

Together we can create a fairer, healthier and cleaner future for all of us.

While unfortunately I couldn't attend myself, Yesha Joshi, Greens Candidate for the Legislative Council is here tonight and has jurisdiction over this electorate as an Upper House Candidate. Yesha is happy to answer your questions on behalf of the Greens. I wish you all the best for the remainder of the evening.