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Right now is a critical time in our state's future.

As the need for action on climate change becomes more urgent, South Australia must lead, not follow. If we do it right, climate change action can be a catalyst for new jobs, a healthier environment, and a stronger and fairer society.

Over the last decade we have become a world leader on renewable energy, and we have a real opportunity to get to 100% renewables within 15 years.

We need to reinvent our economy as jobs in mining, manufacturing and fossil fuel electricity generation have been disappearing rapidly.

Essential to any SA State Government response is a rapid phase out of fossil fuel exploration in SA. We simply cannot afford the creation of new carbon pollution sources if we are to avoid dangerous climate change.

In developing the state's climate change strategy, I urge the State Government to be ambitious and bold.

I would like to see the following actions and strategies:

- Develop a Roadmap for SA to reach 100% renewable electricity as soon as possible
- Invest in an Energy Transition Cluster to take full advantage of the employment opportunities in the low carbon economy
- Run a reverse auction for a solar thermal power station at Port Augusta
- Establish a grant scheme to support for community-owned renewable energy projects
- Ensure the renewal of 4500 Housing SA homes achieves high sustainability standards, facilitates onsite electricity generation and favours materials manufactured in SA
- Commit to phase out fossil fuel exploration as soon as possible and in the meantime ensure our most iconic and valuable natural environments and agricultural areas are protected.
- Invest in coastal defence measures such as seagrass beds and mangrove forests that absorb large quantities of carbon dioxide while protecting our coastline from erosion and storm surges.
- Help build resilience across our state by:
 - revegetating and reconnecting habitat across public and private land
 - prioritising purchase of carbon offsets from these projects
 - significantly increasing the number of indigenous rangers to manage protected areas using traditional management styles
 - reducing heat island effects in low socioeconomic areas of Adelaide by significantly increasing the number of street trees, undergrounding new power lines, and converting to LED street lighting.
 - Extend and electrify Adelaide's train and light rail networks
 - Develop a network of electric vehicle charging stations across the metropolitan region
 - Create signature events that show how Adelaide can become a carbon neutral city, such as a 'Car Free Adelaide' day

- Provide policy support and capital investment to grow the collaborative economy; an economy that minimises resource use and maximises employment by facilitating sharing of goods and services and localising artisans and entrepreneurs.

Yours sincerely,

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