

SACOME's 2022 Pre-Election Priorities - Maintaining Economic Growth Momentum

The South Australian Chamber of Mines & Energy (SACOME) today releases its *Resources Sector 2022 Pre-Election Priorities* platform document ahead of the March State Election.

SACOME's 2022 Pre-Election priorities focus on impactful, strategic and long-term outcomes that remove impediments to growth for the resources sector, address long standing structural challenges to development, and improve regulatory frameworks.

SACOME advances practical measures to drive growth of the resources sector and the State. A strong South Australian resources sector means a strong South Australian economy.

SACOME has worked diligently to present considered policy solutions to government and recognises the need to drive economic recovery as the State deals with impacts of a global pandemic.

SACOME's key message is that the economic development momentum built up over the last four years must be maintained through bipartisanship on major economic initiatives.

The difficult task of state development must stand above the politics of the day.

"The means of progressing most of these ideas are already on the table," says SACOME Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Knol.

"We've defined the problems. We've proposed solutions. We've worked collaboratively with stakeholders. Now what we need is political bipartisanship to see them realised".

"SACOME's 2021 Economic Contribution Study showed that just twelve of its member companies contributed \$5.9 billion – or \$1 in every \$20 – to the South Australian Economy."

"This is backed up by the government's own figures which demonstrate that the resources sector was responsible for 7.9 percent of South Australia's Gross State Product - \$8.7 billion in 2019/20."

"While there is a perception that resources projects only have impact in the regions, eight of the top ten electorates benefiting from the resources sector are in metropolitan Adelaide".

"That's why political decisions that affect the resources sector must be considered in a whole of State context," Knol says.

SACOME's five Pre-Election priorities are:

Northern South Australia Productive Water Security Project

SACOME calls for bipartisan support to progress the 'Northern South Australia Productive Water Security Project' recognising its importance as a state economic development initiative.

Energy Transition Roadmap

SACOME calls for the establishment of a South Australian Energy Advisory Board with industry representation to prepare a South Australian Energy Transition Roadmap that:

- *Mitigates cost and operational risk for heavy industry.*
- *Supports the continued operation of the South Australian oil and gas sector.*
- *Incorporates use of new energy sources.*
- *Supports heavy industry in decarbonising its operations.*

Future Workforce & Skills Framework

SACOME calls for urgent development of a South Australian Future Workforce & Skills Framework that maps requirements across key industry sectors; and implements measures to best meet immediate and future workforce needs.

Infrastructure Corridors

SACOME calls for bipartisan commitment for full implementation of the Resources Infrastructure Corridors initiative in 2022 as a means of catalysing resources project development; and as an investment attraction measure for the State.

Land Access

SACOME calls for continued, bipartisan rejection of a landholder right to veto; and no new moratoria to be introduced in South Australia.

SACOME's Resources Sector 2022 Pre-Election Priorities document is available [here](#).

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About SACOME

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy is the peak industry association representing companies with interests and connections to the South Australian resources and energy sector.