ALTERNATIVE FIRST RESPONDERS ELECTION EXPLAINER

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLITICAL PARTIES 2026

	ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING	POLICING	PRISONS	PREVENTION + COMMUNITY SUPPORT
South Australia Labor Party	-	The 2025–26 State Budget ***invested more than $200 million in policing. The*** Labor Party has committed to increasing the SA Police by 326 sworn officers by 2030. A further $29.6 million over three years has been directed towards increasing Police Security Officers.	Labor policy promises to increase prison capacity by ***116 additional beds.***	Labor has announced plans to construct ***three new Mental Health Assessment Units*** adjacent to hospital Emergency Departments. The Labor Party has ***allocated $111.8 million to programs*** supporting vulnerable South Australians. Labor government will commit an additional $6 million to address homelessness in Adelaide's CBD.
The Greens South Australia	-	The Greens supports ***Justice Reinvestment*** and the redirection of funds from the criminal justice system towards place-based and community-led approaches.	The Greens support ***raising the age of incarceration from 10 to 14 years old.***	The Greens will commit to an ***investment of $200 million in support services and deterrent programs.*** The Greens support the use of an ***evidence-based approach to preventing and addressing crime.*** The Greens have guaranteed food security. The Greens support universal health care and will prioritise mental health needs for South Australians.
The Liberal Party South Australia	-	The Liberal Party have ***committed to growing the police force*** through incentives that address police retention and recruitment.	The Liberal Party will commit to **"Break Bail, Face Jail"** legislation with a one strike rule to ensure South Australia's bail laws are the toughest in the nation, putting community safety ahead of repeat offenders.	The Liberal Party will establish a $40million 'Breaking the Cycle Fund' to deliver targeted early intervention and rehabilitation.
SA Best	-	-	SA Best supports ***enhanced rehabilitation programs in prisons*** and for persons on remand. SA Best have committed to raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14 years.	***SA Best will enact a Human Rights Act*** to strengthen preventative frameworks and promote safer, more accountable communities.

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Tammy-Anne Franks Independent MLC	Tammy-Anne Franks will commit to ***funding an alternative first responder model.***	Tammy-Anne Franks will ***end punitive policing of homelessness and public intoxication.*** Tammy Anne-Franks will expand ***de-escalation and mental-health training for policing.***	Tammy-Anne Franks has committed to ***ending child incarceration and raising the age of criminal responsibility*** Tammy-Anne Franks will ensure no one is jailed simply because they are homeless or poor and plans to abolish imprisonment for fine default.	Tammy-Anne Franks will ***fund Aboriginal-led justice programmes*** and strengthen funding for community support services and advocacy bodies. Tammy-Anne Franks will deliver ***trusted alternatives to emergency departments*** including walk-in community mental health clinics, integrated with housing, domestic violence, alcohol and other drug (AOD), and social support services. Tammy-Anne Franks will advocate for basic income guarantees, living wages and secure work.
Sarah Game Fair Go	-	-	-	Sarah Game will commit to assigning a portfolio ***exclusively focused on men and men's issues, including mental health***. Sarah Game will commit to reducing cost of living pressures.
Jing Lee Better Community	-	Jing Lee policies ***support working alongside police*** and implementing preventative frameworks rather than relying solely on policing for community safety.	-	Jing Lee ***supports fair compensation and legal support to help victims*** recover, reducing disadvantage and breaking cycles of vulnerability and crime. Jing Lee supports increased ***investment in youth diversionary programs and early intervention*** programs designed to keep young people out of the criminal justice system and out of youth detention.
One Nation	-	-	One Nation will advocate for the review and amendment of bail laws. One Nation will ***promote the development of more youth detention*** capacity in South Australia.	One Nation will ***allocate more public funding for Operation Flinders*** and the referral of suitable young offenders to their programs as part of their rehabilitation and education.

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