

Environment:

For
the
Future

Growing
Nature

South
Australian
Labor

Foreword

Landholders whose families have worked the land for generations, know that caring for the land means having a healthy environment. Some people have bought land more recently, wanting to protect a bit of bush for future generations. Others give money to non-profit organisations to buy up land or enter into leases to help restore nature. There are big challenges: pests and weeds, overabundant native species, loss of vegetation and the increasing pressure of climate change mean it's getting harder to keep ecosystems healthy and productive.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will support all of these landholders with practical initiatives to support their efforts for a sustainable country.



Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.



Labor's five point plan to support landholders to protect nature

01

Heritage for nature

A Malinauskas Labor Government will fund heritage agreements on privately managed properties by an additional \$6m. Heritage agreements ensure parts of private property actively protected and can be used as off-sets for clearing and in carbon markets. This funding will support signing up new heritage agreements and grants for on-ground works to support improved biodiversity outcomes. Labor will review heritage agreements to confirm they are structured in a way that best facilitates conservation outcomes and enable landholders to generate income from biodiversity and carbon farming.

02

Care for Landcare

Labor will provide Landcare SA with \$1m to employ a State Landcare Coordinator to support these valuable volunteers groups, run small grants to support Landcare Groups with equipment and materials, and create an insurance scheme for all Landcare Groups so they can get to work safely.

03

Auctions for nature

Rewarding landholders for managing a healthy environment benefits everyone. A Malinauskas Labor Government will explore landholder incentives including reverse auctions for biodiversity outcomes.

04

Sustainable rangelands

A Malinauskas Labor Government will increase funding to the Pastoral Board by \$1m to get through the land condition assessments needed to give certainty to leaseholders in the pastoral lands. The decline in assessments in recent years is unacceptable. Labor will bring the pastoral team back to the environment portfolio and ensure it is properly funded to do its job. Labor will confirm that carbon offsets can be used on pastoral properties and that conservation and primary production are legally supported. These would be changes, if needed, to the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act.

05

Secure landscape boards

A Malinauskas Labor Government won't change the natural resources management system introduced by the Liberal government in order to not further disrupt works on the ground. Labor will, however, review the funding between the boards to ensure the creation of Green Adelaide has not unfairly deprived its neighbours of the funding they need to get their work done. This review will be done with full public consultation.

