Labor's plan to scrap Marshall's \$662m basketball stadium and invest in health For the Future





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.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

SCRAP MARSHALL'S \$662M BASKETBALL STADIUM AND INVEST IN HEALTH

A Malinauskas Labor Government will not proceed with Steven Marshall's \$662 million Basketball Stadium and instead invest in our health system, to combat hospital overcrowding and ambulance ramping.

The Marshall Liberal Government committed funding to the Basketball Stadium in last year's State Budget, with taxpayers' dollars set to flow for preparatory works in the 2022-23 financial year.

At the same time, the Government's own Mid-Year Budget Review papers from December reveal they plan to cut 1,864 health jobs over the next two and a half years.

Since announcing the Basketball Stadium in March 2021, Steven Marshall has failed to explain why this mammoth investment of taxpayers' dollars is necessary.

Meanwhile, ramping has increased 485% under the Marshall Liberal Government. October was the worst ramping in South Australia's history – a shocking 2,868 hours.

According to the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare our three major public hospitals – the Royal Adelaide, Lyell McEwin and Flinders – rank among Australia's top 10 worst-performing hospitals when it comes to long waits in emergency departments.

At the next election, South Australians will have a clear choice: Steven Marshall and his \$662

million Basketball Stadium or a Malinauskas Labor Government which will invest in our health system.

There's no point focusing on a flashy new basketball stadium when South Australians can't guarantee they'll get an ambulance when they call triple zero in an emergency.

Country Hospitals

A Malinauskas Labor Government will commit \$100 million to country health and hospitals, instead of proceeding with Steven Marshall's \$662 million inner city basketball stadium.

Under the Marshall Liberal Government we've seen hospitals like Minlaton, Balaklava and Naracoorte that go without doctors, hospitals like Waikerie and Ceduna where obstetric services have been suspended, and hospitals like Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Mount Gambier where staff have been subject to violent attacks.

From the west coast to the south east regional health services are in crisis, with shortages of staff, crumbling facilities and services closing.

Regional South Australians have a choice at the next election, a major investment in country health, or a CBD basketball stadium.

