



Protecting our Environment

South
Australian
Labor

For the
Future

Foreword

South Australia is home to some of the world's most beautiful and unique natural environments.

We're also a global leader in clean, sustainable energy generation and environmental innovation.

From introducing Australia's first container deposit scheme in 1977, to leading the nation in renewable energy, we know that we have a responsibility to care for our fragile ecosystems.

The Malinauskas Labor Government has built on South Australia's global leadership through ambitious commitments to renewable energy, the pioneering of new animal welfare and biodiversity legislation, significant expansions of our national parks and by taking unprecedented measures to protect our marine environment.

We understand a healthy environment underpins \$70 billion of the state's economic activity and \$11 billion of exports.

We also recognise that it is incumbent upon all serious parties of government to take action to address the impacts and causes of climate change.

It's why we brought forward our target for net 100% renewable energy to 2027, and why we remain committed to net zero by 2050.

Labor will take to the election a plan to continue and expand upon our world-leading work, alongside practical measures to improve and protect South Australia's pristine natural environment.



Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier for South Australia



LABOR'S PLAN FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

1 Cleaning our rivers and waterways

2 World heritage for the Flinders Ranges and Great Australian Bight

3 Nature-based tourism upgrades

4 100% net renewables

5 Restoring our marine environment

6 \$13 million for conservation and natural heritage

CLEANING OUR RIVERS AND WATERWAYS

INVESTMENT: \$5 million

Labor will take to the election a comprehensive plan to clean and revitalise our rivers and waterways. This will regenerate ecosystems, reverse habitat decline, and stabilise riparian zones, reducing erosion and runoff and improving the quality of water flows into the ocean.

ON-GROUND RIVER RESTORATION

Our plan involves activating local communities to undertake revegetation, wetland and streambank repair, creation of vegetation buffers and measures to boost landholder stewardship.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We will engage with local community groups - leveraging the people-power of volunteers - as part of a coordinated approach to cleaning up rivers across South Australia.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLEAN RIVER FRAMEWORK

We will also develop a statewide catchment restoration framework and best-practice model for community-powered river revitalisation.

The program will initially focus on the Gulf St Vincent and will see the creation of a leading model for integrated catchment restoration. We will utilise evidence-based criteria to prioritise rivers based on need.

This will be done with experts from the conservation sector, universities and landscape boards.





An aerial photograph of a winding river flowing through a rugged, mountainous landscape. The terrain is characterized by steep, rocky slopes and dense, low-lying vegetation. The lighting suggests a sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light illuminating the scene. The river meanders through the valley, creating a series of loops and curves. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

WORLD HERITAGE FOR OUR ICONIC NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

FLINDERS RANGES WORLD HERITAGE BID

The Malinauskas Labor Government has partnered with the Albanese Labor Government to formally seek world heritage status for the Flinders Ranges.

The Flinders Ranges is over 600 million years old and contains fossils of some of Earth's earliest complex animal life.

Our commitment to supporting the world heritage bid includes the work we've already done to expand the Nilpena Ediacara National Park to more than 86,000 hectares.

GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT WORLD HERITAGE

The Malinauskas Labor Government has actively supported world heritage status for the Great Australian Bight.

The Bight is an iconic stretch of coastline. It is home to the longest continuous line of sea cliffs in Australia, and more than 85% of the species in the Bight aren't found anywhere else on the planet.

It supports thriving communities - tourists regularly visit to see the iconic southern right whales, the pristine natural environment and the region's spectacular surf breaks.

While world heritage is a complicated process undertaken by the Commonwealth Government, we will continue to back world heritage status for the Great Australian Bight.

NATURE-BASED TOURISM

INVESTMENT: \$1.2 million

Heysen Trail Upgrades

Labor is funding the creation of a dedicated Heysen Trail Coordinator and an almost 300% increase in funding for the Friends of Heysen Trail.

We will continue to improve the iconic 1,200km trail by purchasing land near Cudlee Creek - meaning hikers will no longer have to divert to a busy road.

Admirals Arch

The Malinauskas Labor Government will contribute to a upgrade of the infrastructure at Flinders Chase National Park, so that more than 100,000 annual visiting tourists can continue to experience this natural wonder for years to come.

100% NET RENEWABLES BY 2027

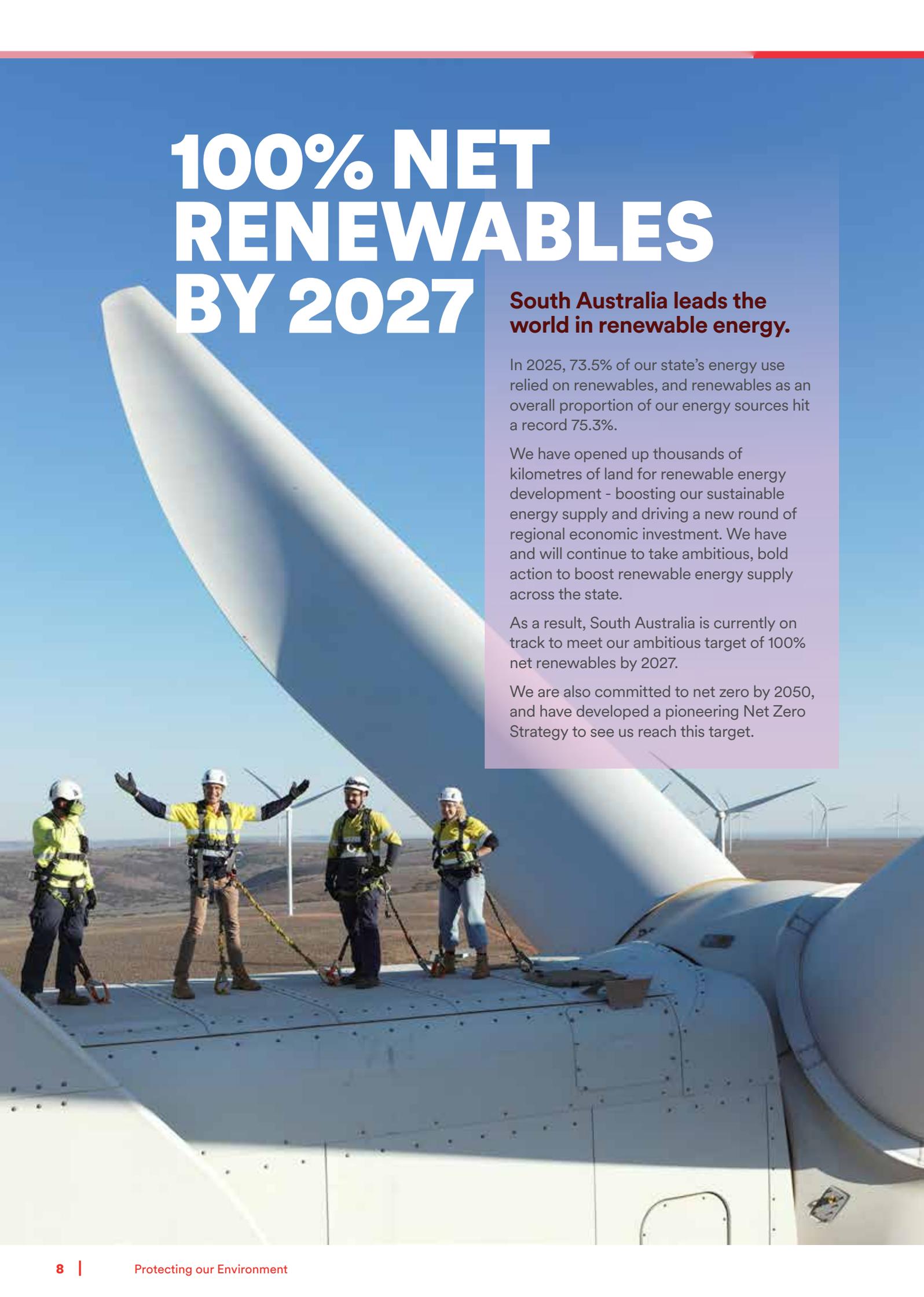
South Australia leads the world in renewable energy.

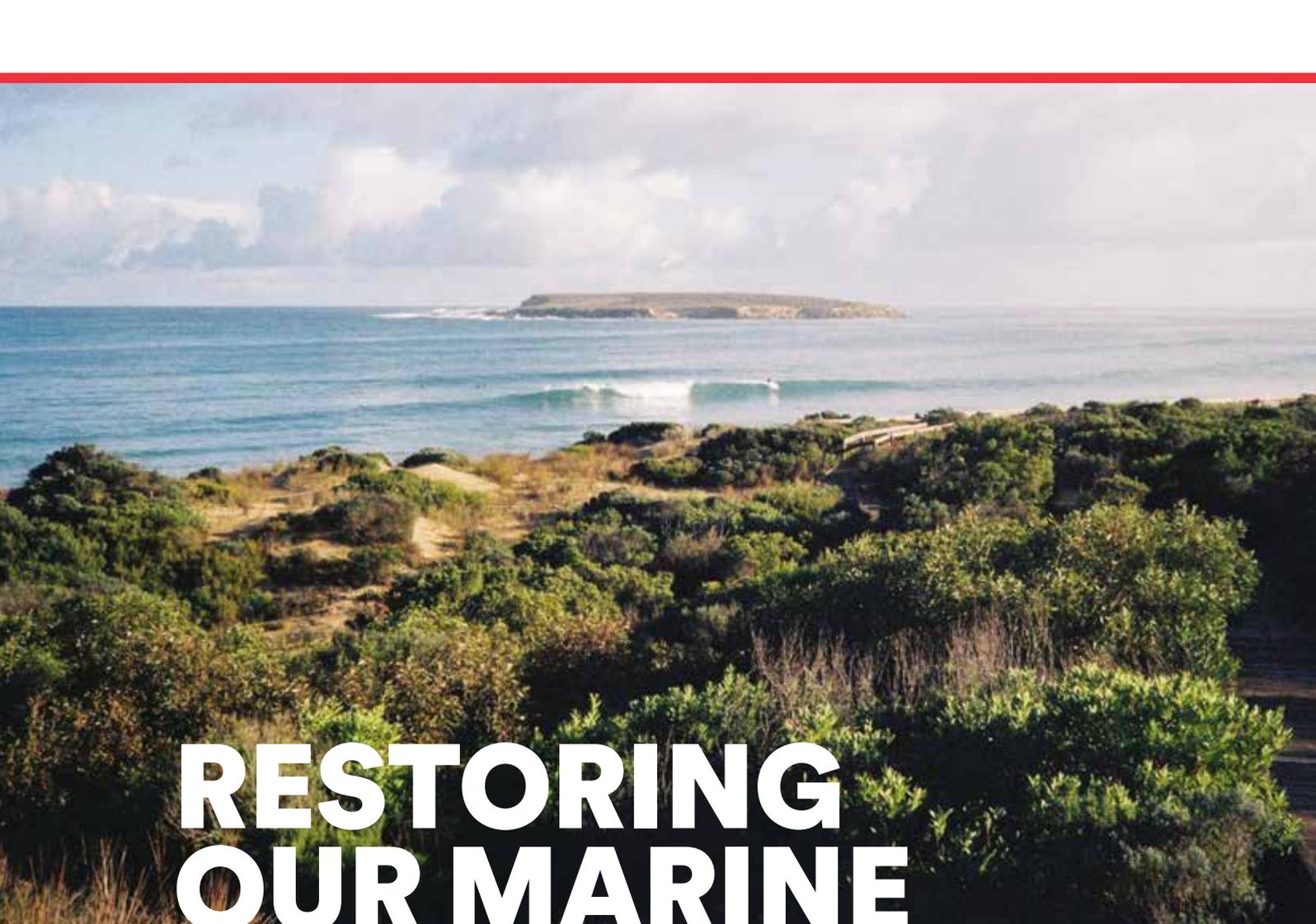
In 2025, 73.5% of our state's energy use relied on renewables, and renewables as an overall proportion of our energy sources hit a record 75.3%.

We have opened up thousands of kilometres of land for renewable energy development - boosting our sustainable energy supply and driving a new round of regional economic investment. We have and will continue to take ambitious, bold action to boost renewable energy supply across the state.

As a result, South Australia is currently on track to meet our ambitious target of 100% net renewables by 2027.

We are also committed to net zero by 2050, and have developed a pioneering Net Zero Strategy to see us reach this target.





RESTORING OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Labor understands the connection South Australians feel to our marine environment.

South Australia is home to over 5,000km of pristine coastline, with our beaches being the most visited public land in the entire state.

The Malinauskas Labor Government, alongside the Albanese Labor Government, reacted with purpose to support the community and the environment through the state's unprecedented algal bloom.

We deployed over \$160 million to respond to the algal bloom, including a suite of measures to support our marine environment.

Through seagrass and blue carbon restoration we are investing in the long-term health of our oceans.

We have invested \$12 million to build and restore native oyster reefs which help filter nutrients from the marine system.

This is alongside dedicated ecological recovery programs including initiatives like our leafy sea dragon breeding and recovery plan.

To further protect our marine environment, Labor will take to the election a plan to review coastal protection frameworks.

We will also continue to invest in ongoing best-practice water quality monitoring, ensuring that scientific data remains at the forefront of government decision making.

INVESTING IN CONSERVATION

Labor will take to the election almost **\$13 million** in grants and funding partnerships with key environmental advocacy and not-for-profit groups:



\$3 million to support Friends of Parks groups

to work in our national parks on revegetation and nature restoration



\$1 million for the Conservation Council of South Australia

to ensure the South Australian community voice is present and active in decisions affecting the environment



\$1 million for the Pastoral Board

to assist with completion of land condition assessments in pastoral lands



Landcare

\$1 million for Landcare SA

to continue to employ a State Landcare Coordinator, oversee grants and maintain the landcare group insurance scheme



\$800,000

for Kangaroo Island to eradicate feral cats



\$6 million heritage grants program

for landholders to undertake heritage agreements on privately managed properties to ensure protection and long-term sustainability

WHAT WE'VE DONE

It's been a busy four years for Labor. We've:

✓ DELIVERED



Legislated 100% net renewable energy by 2027

✓ DELIVERED



Banned puppy farms

✓ DELIVERED



Appointed the state's first Commissioner for the River Murray

✓ DELIVERED



Banned an additional 18 single-use plastics

✓ DELIVERED



Introduced the Koala number plate program

✓ DELIVERED



Passed new Animal Welfare legislation

✓ DELIVERED



Secured \$17 million in Commonwealth funding to restore the Coorong

✓ DELIVERED



Added almost 35,500 hectares of National Parks (over 22,000 Adelaide Ovals)

✓ DELIVERED

Developed our first Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment Framework

Driven the recovery and clean-up after the state's biggest River Murray flood in 70 years

Employed 15 additional Aboriginal rangers to help look after National Parks

Invested \$16 million in the RSPCA

Funded programs to protect seagrass and coastal wetland environments

Advocated for Federal Government to accelerate the return of 450GL to the Murray

Bought Mundoo Island Station at the Murray Mouth to build marine resilience

Passed the state's first Biodiversity Act

Invested \$7.6 million for wildlife carers and biodiversity conservation

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