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COUNCIL “TAKING STOCK” OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Following the release in August 2021 of the Port Pirie Regional Council's State Election Platform and the conduct of the “Meet the Candidates” session hosted by Council, there have been discussions and meetings with candidates and parties regarding the key issues.

Attached is a copy of a document setting out the status of commitments to date in the lead up to the March election.

In reflecting on commitments made so far, Mayor Stephens said:

*“We are keen to hear from Labor, the Greens and other candidates regarding their support for **lead abatement** issues canvassed in our State Election Platform document. Significant support has come from the Government in a number of areas and we are looking for matching or enhanced commitments.*

*There are also other issues such as the **workforce, housing and water** that we expect the parties and candidates to have some policy positions on.*

*Labor's **Health Plan** is certainly welcome and we are looking to Liberal, the Greens and other candidates to tell us how they will align their support to that outlined in our Platform.*

*The Government's \$6.1m Port Pirie **Greening Program** sets a strong vision backed up by defined action for lead abatement, increased liveability and better health outcomes for residents. We are seeking support for at least matching commitments from the other parties to secure a pathway to increased health outcomes for our community.*

***Community Wellbeing** is a key issue and we are seeking support from all parties to fund a report that would look at enhancing collaboration among all the agencies and putting in place interventions with further funding for programs and activities aligned to needs.”*

The Platform Document also includes references to support for childcare facilities with the Council working with a group of people from Crystal Brook who have worked with Council on undertaking some preliminary assessments of needs. Council is having discussions with the Office of Early Years on potential support.

“With only a few weeks remaining before election day, with some people already getting ready to do postal voting, it is vital that the parties and candidates let the Port Pirie people, its businesses, investors and the community sectors know where they sit on our issues” said Mayor Stephens.

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