

COMMITMENT DETAILS	YES / NO
<p><b>COMMITMENT 1</b> <b>INTRODUCE A 'STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT'</b> to acknowledge and value the contributions of foster and kinship carers, to be inclusive of kinship carers, and to replace the foster care charter which is no longer an effective working document</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 2</b> <b>REIMBURSE FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS ADEQUATELY FOR THE COST OF RAISING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b> by raising the base allowance to meet the national Foster Care Estimates from 1 July 2018 plus annual indexation, and using the base allowance to calculate loadings</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 3</b> <b>PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE AND MORE FLEXIBLE FORMS OF RESPITE FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARER FAMILIES</b> that encourage the formation of natural family relationships, help sustain Carer families to function as a family unit, and are available as and when needed</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 4</b> <b>AMEND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (SAFETY) ACT 2017 (SA)</b> to include care concerns as a reviewable decision, to establish a legislative underpinning for the Care Concerns Investigations Unit, and to provide Carers with a right to procedural fairness</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 5</b> <b>FUND RESEARCH INTO FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE; SUPPORT INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICE.</b> Develop a research agenda and identify national and international approaches towards increasing family-based care, improving outcomes for children and young people in Carer families, and reducing the over-reliance on residential care</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 6</b> <b>REQUIRE ALL CHILD PROTECTION STAFF WORKING IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL BODY AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT</b> improving service delivery through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to contemporary research and literature and a minimum number of hours of professional development each year, improving the evidence-base to support decision-making (as evident in other professions e.g. teaching; psychology)</li> <li>• providing Carers with greater confidence that staff are qualified and conform to ethical practice</li> </ul>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 7</b> <b>EXTEND SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR CARER FAMILIES TO AGE 25</b> where needed to allow young people additional time to grow from a secure family base, helping reduce risk of homelessness and other adverse outcomes for young people leaving care</p>	
<p><b>COMMITMENT 8</b> <b>COLLABORATE WITH THE PEAK REPRESENTATIVE BODY FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS</b> in accordance with the principles currently outlined in the South Australian Government's 'Stronger Together' and 'Better Together' publications, ensuring the voices of Carers are heard and collectively recognised as an essential part of the child protection system</p>	