



SA STATE ELECTION: Child Protection policies

As the independent peak representative body for South Australian Foster and Kinship Carers, we contacted the following parties seeking their support for our **7 commitments** ahead of the upcoming 2022 state election. The responses summary report for our 2022 election commitments was shared to our membership via email 22 December 2021 and available on our website.

On the 14 January 2022 CF&KC-SA initiated the second phase of our election lobbying process. We asked each major party and independent member of parliament to provide a copy of their policies that specifically support our election commitments. As part of this request, we advised we would share each set of policies with our membership, prior to the March 19th election.

This is the first time our organisation has initiated a second phase such as this, with the direct request for specific policies from each party.

A list of the Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Council contacted for their policies include:

House of Assembly (Lower House)

- Rachel Sanderson (Minister for Child Protection: Liberal)
- Katrine Hildyard (Shadow Minister for Child Protection: Labor)
- Frances Bedford (Independent MP)
- Troy Bell (Independent MP)
- Geoff Brock (Independent MP)
- Sam Duluk (Independent MP)
- Fraser Ellis (Independent MP)

Legislative Council (Upper House):

- Tammy Franks (SA Greens MLC)
- Connie Bonaros (SA Best MLC)
- John Darley (Advance SA)

In the spirit of full transparency with our Carer membership, we have published a copy of each letter, available on our website. We have compiled a summary of emailed responses from parliamentarians that did not send a formal letter but were keen to provide comment regarding our election asks.

Liberal SA (letter received)

SA Labor Party (letter received)

SA Best (letter received)

Advance SA (email received): no set policies but in support of CF&KC-SA election asks

Greens SA (email received: excerpt below)

"The Greens party shared the relevant policies regarding Children and Young People, including their approach to children in care.

The Greens over-arching national policy principles are available here:

<https://greens.org.au/policies/children-and-young-people>

And the Greens State-focused policy is available here:

<https://greens.org.au/sa/policies/young-people>"

Independent MPs

Sam Duluk (letter received)

Fraser Ellis (email received: excerpt below)

"Your members and stakeholders can rest assured, should he be re-elected, that (Mr Ellis) will always endeavour to cast his vote in accordance with the wishes of his electorate. He has a strong track record of doing just that which should act as a reassurance".

Frances Bedford (email received: excerpt below)

"With regard to your 7 election commitments, I agree with CF&KC-SA's suggestions, and if re-elected would lobby the incoming State Government to commence the implementation of these great initiatives.

I would continue to consult with your Organisation as the independent peak representative body for Foster & Kinship Carers and when re-elected would be very happy to have further detailed discussions.

Geoff Brock (email received: excerpt below)

"With regard to your 7 requests, I totally agree with everything that you are suggesting, and if I am re-elected as the Local State Member would support and lobby the incoming State Government to commence the implementation of these great initiatives.

I would consult with your Organisation when I am re-elected would be very happy to have further detailed discussions moving forward"

Troy Bell: no response received

We thank all the parties above for their consideration and look forward to working with the newly formed Government to do better and do more for foster and kinship carer families who provide secure, safe and loving family home environments for children and young people.