

STATE BUDGET

2022-23

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BUDGET DELIVERS COST OF LIVING RELIEF

The Malinauskas Government's first State Budget is delivering targeted cost of living relief to those who need it most, amid the rising cost of everyday expenses.

With petrol prices surging and inflation rising, the budget delivers cost of living relief to pensioners and other Centrelink recipients, low-income earners, school parents and people living in regional and remote South Australia.

The 2022-23 State Budget includes:

- Doubling the Cost of Living Concession in 2022-23 for eligible households to up to \$449 (\$39.3 million in 2022-23)
- Free public transport all day, every day for eligible seniors (\$5.2 million over four years)
- A \$100 subsidy for eligible school parents and caregivers off the Materials & Services Charge for the 2022 and 2023 school years (\$24 million over two years)
- Reintroducing the Outer Areas Registration Concession for owners of vehicles in remote regions such as Kangaroo Island, the District Council of Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs (\$12 million over four years)
- A continuation of the mandatory fuel price transparency scheme following the successful trial, including funding to enable compliance activities to be undertaken (\$1.8 million over four years)

The government is also fulfilling its commitment of no new taxes, while retaining the traditional formula for indexing fees and charges, keeping increases to about 2 per cent in 2022-23, less than half the inflation rate of 4.7 per cent.

Quotes attributable to Peter Malinauskas

Many South Australians are doing it tough right now with rising cost of living.

While governments can't click its fingers and make the cost of everyday items cheaper, what we can do is provide targeted relief to those who need it most.

Pensioners, low-income earners, school parents and people living in regional South Australia will benefit from measures in this budget.

Of course, we would love to provide greater cost of living relief to everybody, but we are

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taking a prudent approach and targeting this modest cost of living relief to South Australians in dire need of support.

I am pleased we have been able to provide this cost of living relief, while also maintaining balanced budgets across the forward estimates.

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