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Environment:

Local Environment Centres



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ENVIRONMENT CENTRES:

Growing community action

The Marshall Liberal government cuts to local environment centres

Community run and largely volunteer based environmental education and action centres across South Australia are being forced into heartbreaking decisions to close their doors for good after the Marshall Liberal government decided not provide ongoing funding.

The South Coast Environment Centre in Victor Harbor has recently closed its doors, and several

Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

other centres are deciding their fate, with the future not looking bright for many. Other centres at Mount Pleasant, Willunga and Gawler have also raised concerns about their ongoing viability.

These environment centres provide critical environmental education programs at the grassroots level, including to thousands of school children, and are community hubs where locals can meet, learn practical skills and encourage others to live more sustainably.

Funding was previously provided through ongoing grants by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Natural Resource Management Board, which was split into several new Landscape Boards under changes made by David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water. This has directly led to environment centres in the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula being cut off from funding.

Guaranteed support for environment centres

Labor understands the value of community led programs, especially in the regions.

The volunteers who have poured their heart and soul into these invaluable community assets have every right to feel betrayed by the Marshall Liberal government.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will fix this mess and give assurance to these centres so they continue their important work.

Labor will require the Green Adelaide Landscape Board to continue to fund the environment centres that were severed from financial support by the Marshall Liberal government's changes to natural resources management boundaries.



