

# 2022–2026 Legislation Priorities to Improve Outcomes for South Australia's Children and Young People



**As Commissioner for South Australia's children and young people, I have heard firsthand how many of our children and young people lead happy, active lives. They feel respected by the majority of adults with whom they regularly interact, and value school, education and learning, family relationships, their culture and communities, opportunities to participate, and their friendships and pets.**

I have also heard, however, that our children and young people are genuinely concerned for those who they see as less fortunate, less included, less mentally well, less financially secure, and less prepared for the future. They have told me they would like to make life better for all children and young people, particularly those they see doing it tough. As experts in their own lives they want to have their opinions heard, treated with respect, and taken seriously by adults.

As future participants in Australia's democracy, our children and young people rely upon our political parties to be focused on future-proofing their lives by development and implementation of policies and practices that will enable them to not merely survive, but to thrive across our communities.

I call upon leaders and decision-makers to make it a priority to listen and address the critical areas of law and policy that will directly impact on children and young people's lives now and in the future.