

SADA UPDATE

Pre-Election Update

Recently we wrote to all of the major players in the next SA election regarding the six major state policy areas that are of concern to SADA. Those areas were:

- Support of ACCC's report
- Transport issues and support for the 90 day plan.
- Structure and delivery of NRM in the state
- Planning, Mining and Gas
- Energy and Pricing
- R&D and protection of PIRSA and SARDI

We wrote to Labor, Liberal, SA Best and Australian Conservatives. We understand that the Australian Conservatives will reply in the coming days.

Each response has been graded on a score of 1 to 5 and combined an assessment of the party's capacity to deliver should they form part of Government. Labor and Liberal scored a 5 on capacity as one side or the other will form Government. SA Best which may hold the balance of power in the lower house scored low because it has not fielded enough candidates to form a government. There will be either a Labor or Liberal Government after the next election which may form with the support of SA Best if not in majority.

SADA has maintained regular communications with each of the parties including meetings at a leadership and ministerial level.

Areas of Concern

Labor's persistent centralisation of the NRM scored them very low. Their position misses the issue entirely. The Liberals were consistent across all areas however, we are concerned that they failed to restate their announced policy on a fracking moratorium in the South East. SA Best did not articulate support for SADA's position on the NRM merely saying it needed to be overhauled.

In short the point scoring system developed places the Liberals in front of SA Best and Labor but not by much. If any member wishes to see the party responses we will make them available. The position paper which was sent to all parties is available from the SADA office and website.

	Capacity to Deliver	ACCC	Transport	NRM	Planning Mining and Gas	Energy	Research and Development	Total
Labor	5	2	4	1	2	3	3	20
SA Best	1	5	3	2	4	2	4	21
Liberals	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	24