

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADVISERS

Keeping government honest



A Marshall Liberal Government will establish a code of conduct for all ministerial advisers, ensuring those who withhold information from Ministers are held accountable.

Ministerial advisers have an obligation to carry out their duties with the upmost honesty and integrity at all times. Poor decision making and dishonest conduct not only reflect badly on their Ministers, but also erode the standing of Government in the eyes of the public.

Under Labor, ministerial advisers have been unaccountable for their actions. This has exacerbated situations where ministerial conduct has questionable. This lack of accountability became a major issue in the recent DeBelle Inquiry, which highlighted ministerial advisers withholding information from the Minister for Education.

The Liberal Party believes that higher standards are needed across ministerial offices to improve the openness, accountability, transparency and the overall standing of government in South Australia.

Our Code of Conduct for Ministerial Advisers will include:

- Full disclosure to Ministers;
- Professional integrity;
- Conflicts of interest;
- Gifts and benefits;
- Improper advantage;
- Improper use of public resources; and
- Interactions with public servants.

Implementing a Code of Conduct for Ministerial Advisers will bring South Australia into line with other states and the Federal Government, and ensure the highest level of professional standards.

Ministerial advisers enjoy a close association with political decision-making and the inner workings of government. This is a privilege that should not be taken lightly.

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