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HEALTH	Develop options for avoiding or limiting long hospital stays, including through co-design with older people	The Dignity Party say we need to reduce the number of people "stuck" in hospital by providing adequate in-home supports. The emphasis of our health system must be on healthy living and prevention, to avoid the high cost of chronic disease. The burden of disease, particularly through diabetes, can be reduced. We need to act urgently to offer intensive community support to reduce the number of amputations in South Australia. Dignity Party support community health centres being co-located with community learning and activity centres.
	Develop an approach through co-design that supports older people needing to travel to specialist services either across the city or from country areas, including access to transport, visitors' benefits, information, planning, advice and support.	The Dignity Party support this solution. We believe more innovative solutions to transport for medical appointments can and must be found.
	Support peer programs in SA to build awareness of vital health interventions for older people, including falls prevention, planning ahead and medication management.	With its emphasis on the cost-saving benefits of universal design, or design for all, the Dignity Party know that much more can be done to prevent falls in the home. Keep fit programs that are fun and improve balance should also be funded and promoted. Peer education is essential and helps to ensure positive health messages are delivered in appropriate language.
	Extend access to appropriate physical fitness programs for older people with an emphasis on access in rural and regional SA and for older low income, CALD and Aboriginal people.	See above. Yes! Dignity Party believe this should be a priority.

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	Recognise the low participation rate in Advance Care Directives (ACDs) and increase the understanding, active completion and use of ACDs by - • Improving community and practitioner understanding of the barriers for the completion and subsequent use of ACDs • Measuring the effectiveness of ACDs • Funding peer education to raise community awareness among older people and their families/supporters about the value of ACDs • Encouraging health professionals to understand, respect and make active use of ACDs.	Essential that the government of the day takes an active role in encouraging people to make ACDs. Dignity Party also support increased education for professionals in this area.

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HOUSING	Prioritise the development of a comprehensive housing strategy for disadvantaged older South Australians.	With our ageing population, South Australia is well placed to work with older people to find the solutions that work for them.
	Include age as a priority factor for access to public housing.	Public housing needs to be provided on an income basis in the first instance, but other factors that may contribute to making stable housing difficult must also be taken into account.
	Fund a one-stop housing support service for older people.	Dignity Party support.
TRANSPORT	Fund the extension of free public transport beyond off-peak times.	Dignity Party support.
	Support the development of transport options for people without access to private transport to travel within and between local communities and suburbs.	Dignity Party support.
	Invest in comprehensive digital literacy training, particularly for older people and in rural areas.	Dignity Party support. Digital literacy also requires adequate affordable internet access, cyber security measures etc.
	Create expectations that businesses will support users to access digital information and not charge for hard copy bills or other essential information.	Dignity Party support, and demand government provide non-web based options.

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EMPLOYMENT	Support initiatives with employers and recruiters to tackle employment-based age discrimination.	Dignity Party support.
	Trial a mid-career check and planning service for people aged 50 and over, focused on planning ahead, upskilling and retraining and understanding future housing and financial goals.	Dignity Party support.
DIVERSITY	Build advocacy with older people living in rural and regional SA, particularly in areas experiencing financial downturn.	Dignity Party support.
	Adopt the recommendations of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Age Friendly SA report, including improvements to the age-friendliness of outdoor spaces, public buildings and public transport, as well as projects connecting older people of CALD backgrounds with their communities, and facilitating access to information and services.	Dignity Party support.
	Establish a community hub for older LGBTIQ South Australians.	Dignity Party support.

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COST OF LIVING	Install solar panels and batteries in all public and social housing, including those intended for older people.	Dignity Party support.
	Provide incentives for private sector landlords to offer energy-efficient private rental for people on low incomes.	Dignity Party support.
	Offer the electricity concession as a percentage of the electricity cost of the household rather than a flat rate.	Dignity Party support.
	Require all government services - including health - to have strategies in place to protect people on low incomes from being exposed to fees and co-payments.	Dignity Party support.
	Work with other states and territories to establish a national framework on elder abuse.	Dignity Party support. Dignity Party MP, Kelly Vincent has championed the issues of ageing, particularly in setting the terms of reference for an enquiry into elder abuse.

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ZEST FEST SA **AGEISM & ATTITUDES TO AGEING**	Commit increased resources to campaigns and activities that counter ageism and create new opportunities for older people throughout SA.	Dignity Party support. Dignity Party are keen to work with NGOs and industry to see how SA can excel in the area of accessible tourism.