

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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### \$265 million on concessions to help South Australians in need

The 2017-18 State Budget includes almost \$265 million to reduce living costs for people on low and fixed incomes.

Concessions on the cost of living, energy, water and sewerage will save eligible South Australians up to \$831 in 2017-18.

Homeowners could receive a further \$46 through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) fixed-property concession.

Concessions are also available for public transport, car registrations, and medical heating and cooling.

#### Background

From 1 July 2017, utility-related concessions will be indexed by CPI.

Eligible South Australians can access a range of State Government concessions from July 2017 including:

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| <b>Cost of Living concession</b>              |  |
| Home owner                                    | \$202.70   |
| Tenant/self-funded retiree                    | \$101.40   |
| <b>Water concession</b>                       |  |
| Owner occupier - min                          | \$187.50   |
| Owner occupier - max                          | \$298.90   |
| Tenant - min                                  | \$121.60   |
| Tenant - max                                  | \$233.10   |
| <b>Sewerage Concession (up to a maximum)</b>  | \$111.50   |
| <b>Energy Concession</b>                      | \$217.90   |
| <b>Medical Heating and Cooling Concession</b> | \$217.90   |
| <b>ESL Fixed Property Concession</b>          | \$46   |
| <b>Motor Vehicle Registration</b>             | 50% of normal cost #   |
| <b>Drivers Licence</b>                        | 50% of normal cost   |
| <b>Stamp duty on CTP exemption</b>            | \$60   |
| <b>Public Transport</b>                       | Approx. 50% of normal fare and free travel for seniors during off-peak periods |

# Incapacitated ex-service persons can receive a 66.6% reduction in registration fees.

## **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

The State Government understands many South Australians are doing it tough.

That's why we are spending \$265 million in 2017-18 on a range of concessions, to help reduce living costs for people on low and fixed incomes.

It is expected 186,000 South Australians will receive the cost of living concession, which we introduced when the Commonwealth scrapped its council rate concession.

Some 195,000 people will also receive help paying their energy bills.

I encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible for a concession to visit [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) or call the Concessions Hotline on 1800 307 758.

Eligible South Australians will also be able to access the Commonwealth Government's one-off payments to assist with energy bills.

Single people receiving the aged pension, disability pension or parenting payment will receive a \$75 payment, while couples will receive \$125.

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