

# Councillor Davis - MoN - Current Cost of Living Pressures

Tuesday, 14 April 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer

## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Henry Davis will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

1. Notes the significant cost of living pressures currently impacting residents, including elevated petrol prices and interest rate increases;
2. Notes that reduced discretionary spending and travel into the CBD has a direct and adverse impact on city businesses, economic activity and community wellbeing;
3. Notes that the Adelaide CBD continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and remains sensitive to reductions in visitation;
4. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the State Government advocating for the immediate introduction of free public transport across metropolitan Adelaide for the months of April and May;
5. Further requests that the correspondence highlight the benefits of such a measure in supporting CBD businesses, increasing visitation, improving accessibility, and alleviating cost of living pressures for South Australians.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The introduction of free public transport across metropolitan Adelaide was not included as an election promise by the South Australian Labor Party in the recent South Australian government elections
2. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Chief Executive Officer will write to the Chief Executive of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to advocate for the introduction of free public transport across metropolitan Adelaide for the months of April and May.
3. The correspondence will highlight the benefits introducing free public transport across metropolitan Adelaide including support for CBD businesses, increased visitation, improved accessibility and alleviating cost of living pressures for South Australians.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Approximately 0.5 hours to prepare the letter from the CEO to the Chief Executive, Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 1 hour.

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