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***Growing SA – The Good,  
the Bad and the Ugly for  
Local Government***

# Presentation Outline

ISSUES

CURRENT  
APPROACHES

LIKELY IMPACTS

FUTURE STRATEGIES

Let's look at what we've got ...

ISSUES

## What you are ...

### + **Key SA Statistics**

- + **7.5% of Australia's total population** (1.6 million)
- + 5.7% of Australia's total export trade
- + Gross Household Disposable Income per capita of \$30,404 (compared to \$32,898 for Australia-wide)
- + **11.7%** of Australia's total gross agricultural value;
- + **7.5% of Australia's manufacturing income**
- + **45%** of Australia's uranium oxide mining income
- + 111,300 new jobs created since 2002 (**16% growth**)
- + Budget deficit for 2009-10 revised down to \$174m

# What you've got ...

## + **SA Economic Drivers**

### + **Resource Development**

- + Largest known uranium resource - Olympic Dam mine, Honeymoon mine, Beverley mine
- + Prominent Hill (copper-gold)

### + **“The Defence State”**

- + Three world-class precincts - aerospace / weapons systems / maritime

### + **Agribusiness**

- + Agriculture, forestry & fishing - \$2.9 billion to GSP in 2007/08 & employed 41,500 people

### + **Automotive**

- + GM Holden and cluster of component manufacturers

# What you do well ....



Air Warfare Destroyers

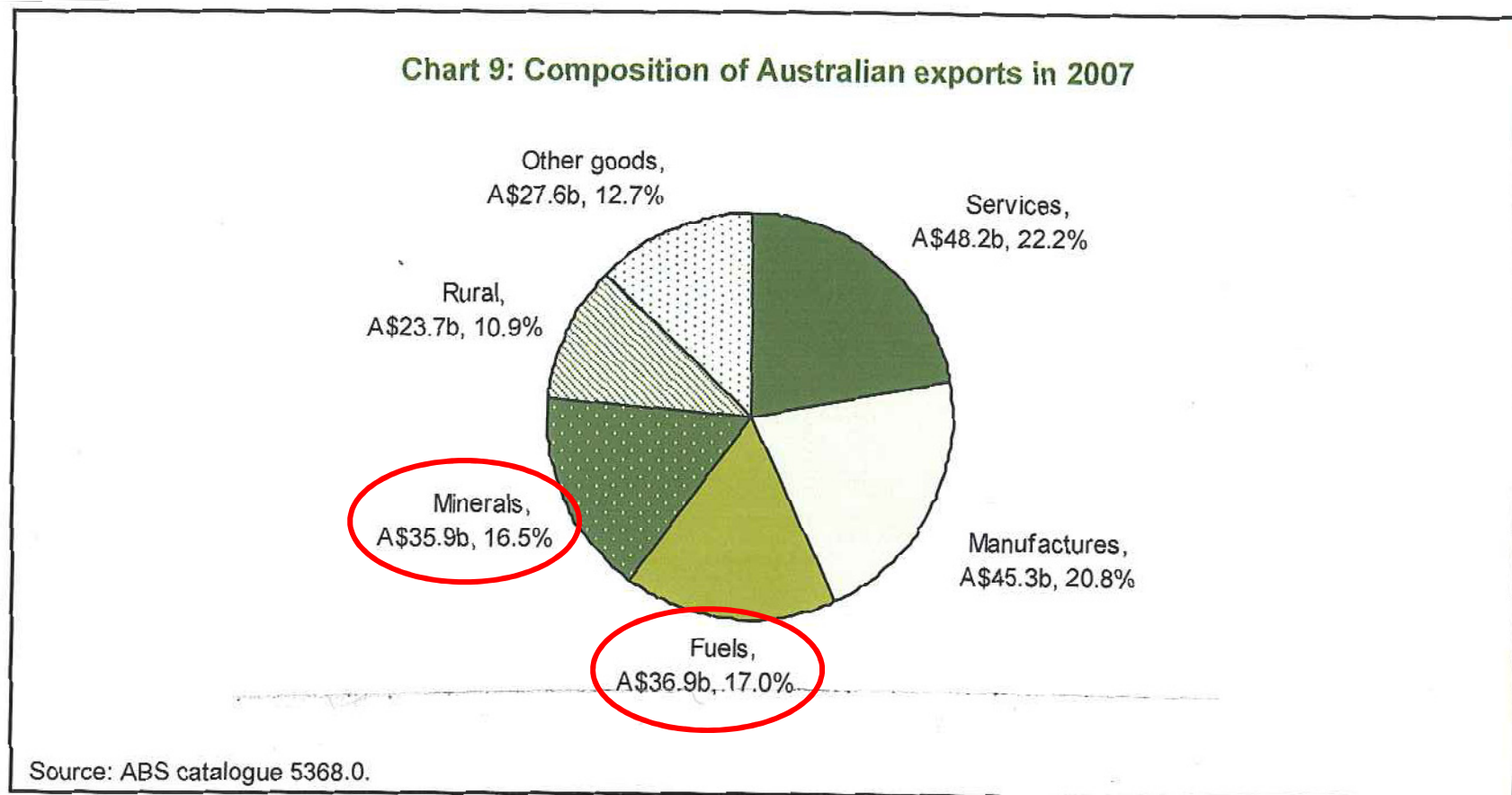
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Submarines



Source: Defence SA

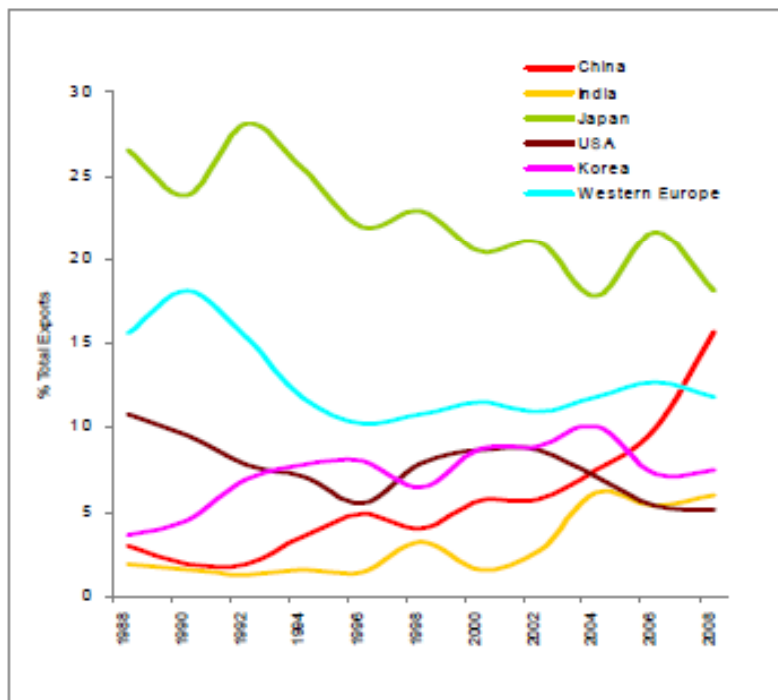
# What you are a part of ...

+ Importance of minerals / fuels sectors

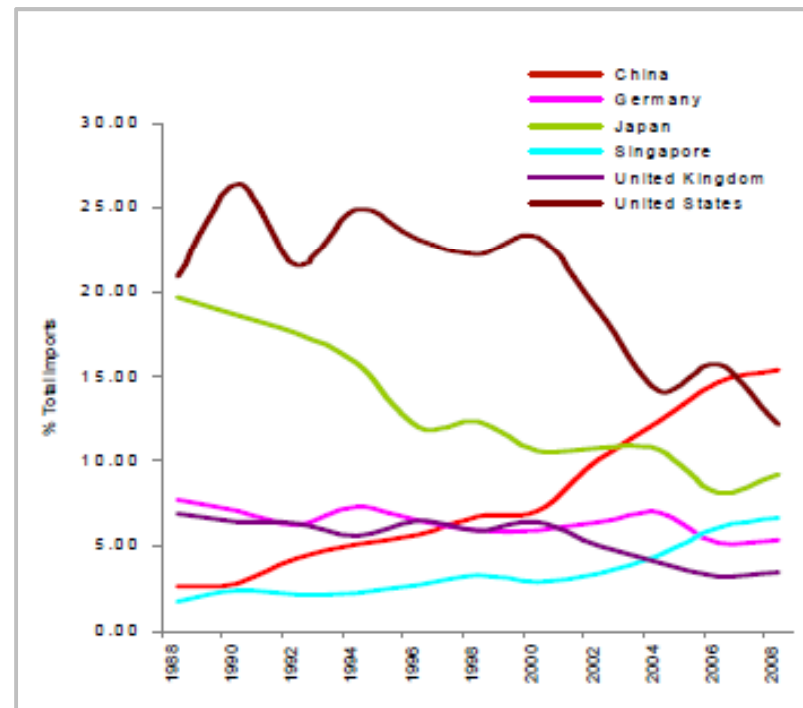


# What you want a bigger part of ...

- + Major Trading Partners
- + Export growth to *China & India*



Australian Export Partners (total merchandise exports: 1988–2008)



Australian Import Partners (total merchandise imports: 1988–2008)

## Some Growth Issues ...

### + **Population and Land Supply**

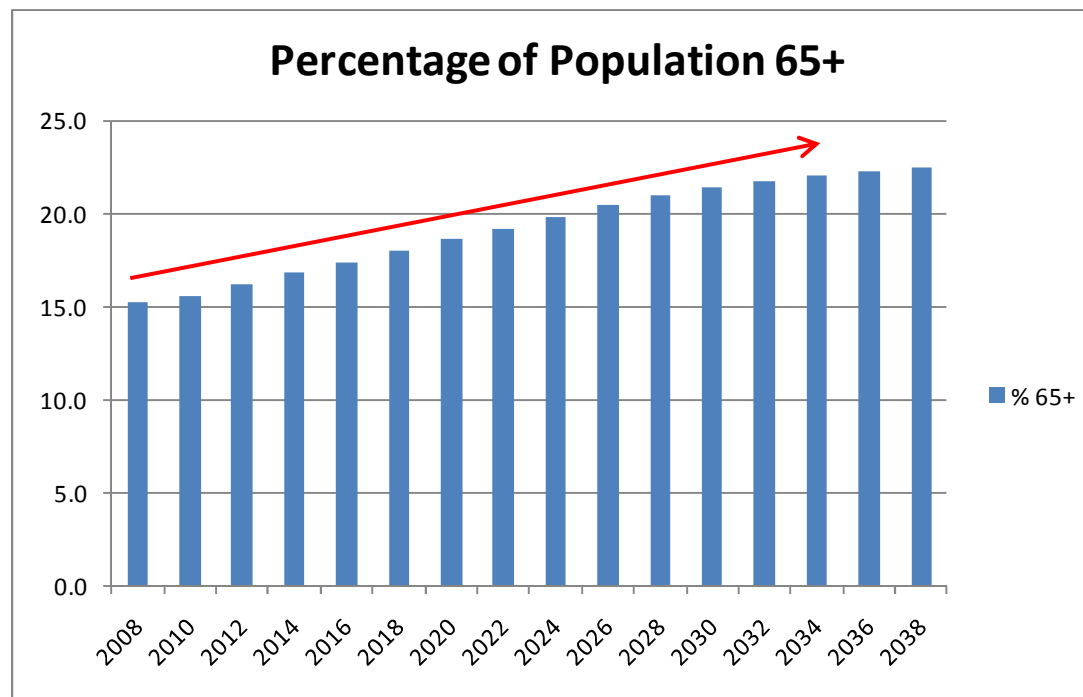
- + The State Government expects Greater Adelaide's population to grow by **560,000 by 2038**
- + ABS forecasts population growth of between **322,260 and 401,769** for Greater Adelaide to 2038
- + SA will reach previous '2 million by 2050' target earlier!
- + **7 out of 10** South Australians live in Adelaide – this is projected to remain the same in 2038
- + Adelaide's total supply of metropolitan land is around **5,000 ha** (including recent UGB expansion areas)
- + Land consumption @ around 3,000 lots/year

# Our Ageing Population ...

## + Adelaide's Ageing Population

+ Proportion of 65+ persons in Adelaide –**15.2%** in 2008 to **22.5%** in 2038

+ Increase of **161,000** persons within 65+ age bracket



Source: ABS Population Projections (Series B) Cat No.

## Economic & Other Issues ...

### + **Challenges for the Future**

- + Achieving ***Sustainable Growth*** – growing with self-sufficiency, especially jobs
- + Building & Maintaining ***Competitive Advantage***
- + Importance of ***Infrastructure & Jobs***
- + Housing and services for an ***Ageing Population***
- + ***Affordable Housing*** located near transport, services & jobs
- + ***Taking SA & Adelaide to the world – trade & other opportunities***

Some current strategies ...

CURRENT  
APPROACHES

## A New Plan ...

### + **The Plan for Greater Adelaide 2009–2038**

- + Intended to guide the planning and delivery of services and infrastructure, such as transport, health, schools and community facilities
- + Seeks to balance population and economic growth
- + Seeks to create vibrant and liveable communities
- + **Two fundamental changes** to land use planning:
  - 1. More compact urban form*
  - 2. New set of governance arrangements*

## A New Approach ...

- + **A new urban form:**
  - + **70:30 infill to fringe** development (currently 50:50)
  - + Focus development in designated transit corridors
  - + **Higher density mixed use development** around transit nodes
  - + Designation of employment lands close to major residential areas and transport
  - + Focus on developing **activity centres**
  - + Focus on energy and water efficiency

## Some Key Targets ...

- + **Key targets and benefits** of plan:
  - + An additional **560,000 people** and **282,000 new jobs** over 30 years within Greater Adelaide
  - + An additional 43,000 jobs and 9,700 dwellings in the City of Adelaide
  - + A **15-year supply of land zoned** at any given time for residential or commercial and industrial purposes
  - + **5,315 hectares of employment land** to be set aside
  - + GSP increase of \$11.1 billion
  - + Proposed **infrastructure expenditure of \$11.4 billion**

## What it doesn't do ...

- + BUT... it doesn't guarantee
  - + Jobs
  - + Infrastructure investment
- + NOR... does it assist in
  - + Strengthening Adelaide's **competitive advantage**
- + The 30-Plan has a geographic and planning governance focus but doesn't respond to or set the scene for potential broader economic drivers
- + **Formulaic** - will be followed by a state-based infrastructure plan, local housing & job targets (subregional plans) & a centres strategy – but, it still ***won't guarantee economic success***

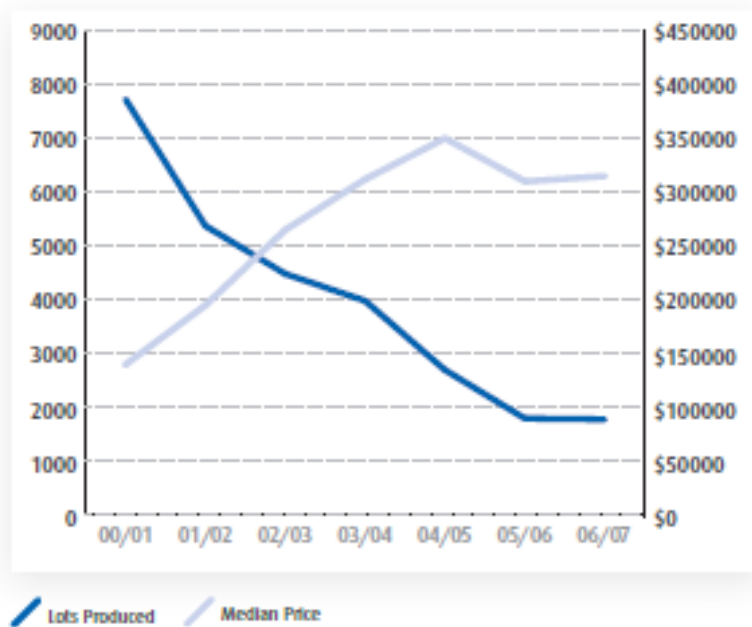
What's likely to happen ...

LIKELY IMPACTS

# On the housing front ...

- + Affordability
  - + **Sydney's experience –**
  - + Correlation with 'compact city' approach and affordability

**Sydney Greenfield Lot Production and Median Price**



**Greenfield Lot Production and Median Price  
Metropolitan Sydney**

Period	Lots Produced	Average Lot Size	Median Price
2000/01	7731	575	\$140,000
2001/02	5380	550	\$195,000
2002/03	4488	550	\$265,000
2003/04	3989	500	\$312,000
2004/05	2704	500	\$350,000
2005/06	1803	450	\$310,000
2006/07	1783	450	\$315,000

Source: NSW Metropolitan Development Program 2007/08, Colliers International Research, RP Data.

# Land prices ...

## + Affordability

- + There is a risk of a shortfall in **supply to meet demand** if delays in the development process occur

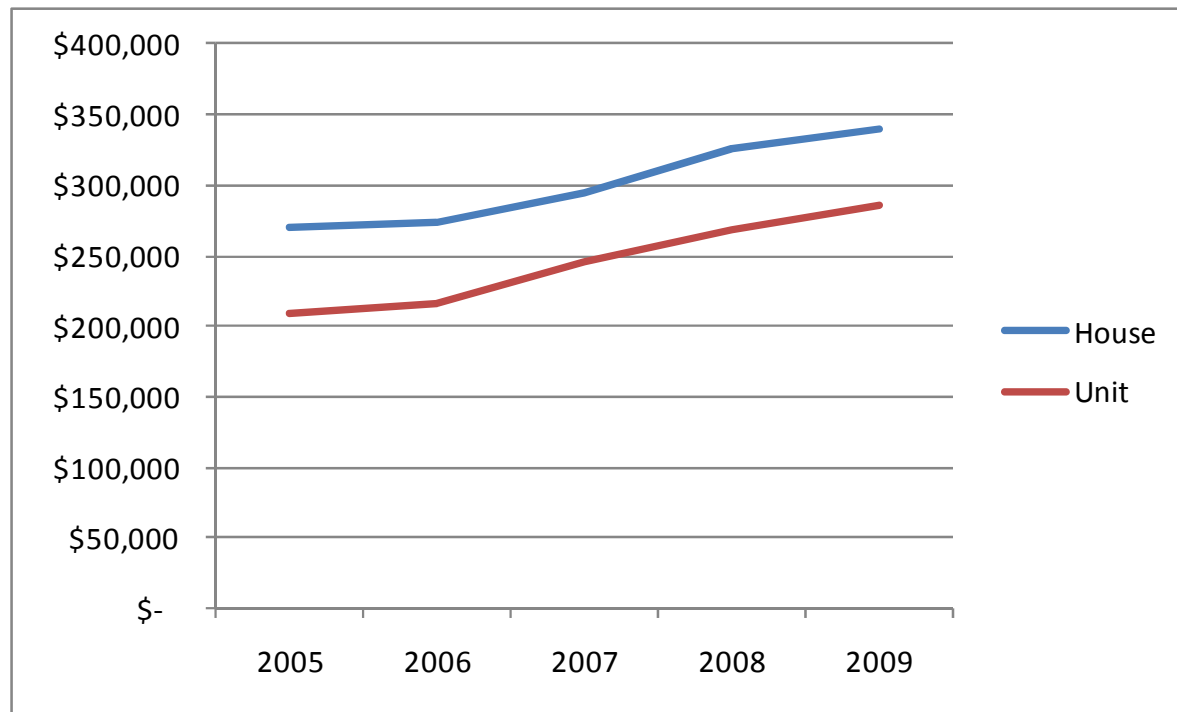
Adelaide Statistical Division

Period	Lots	Ave lot size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Ave Price (\$)
1995-96	1920	n/a	52,000
1996-97	2190	n/a	55,000
1997-98	2580	n/a	59,000
1998-99	2640	n/a	61,000
1999-00	3300	583	70,000
2000-01	1980	587	69,000
2001-02	3420	585	79,000
2002-03	3000	582	92,000
2003-04	3180	561	132,000
2004-05	2520	530	140,000
2005-06	2020	522	150,000
2006-07	2110	514	155,000
2007-08	2500	503	170,500
2008-09 (est)	2000	450	180,000

Source: UDIA 2009

# Housing prices ...

## + Housing Affordability – Metropolitan Adelaide



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Price Growth 2005-2009
House	\$ 270,000	\$ 274,000	\$ 295,000	\$ 326,500	\$ 340,000	26%
Unit	\$ 209,000	\$ 215,500	\$ 245,000	\$ 268,000	\$ 285,000	36%

Source: RP Data (2010), MacroPlan Australia (2010)

## Likely market response ...

### + **Housing Choice**

- + Compact city '**by choice**' vs. compact city '**by force**'
- + People will respond with their feet if housing choices are **forced** upon them
- + Ageing population – need for a diverse housing product in proximity to adequate services

### + **Viability of new development**

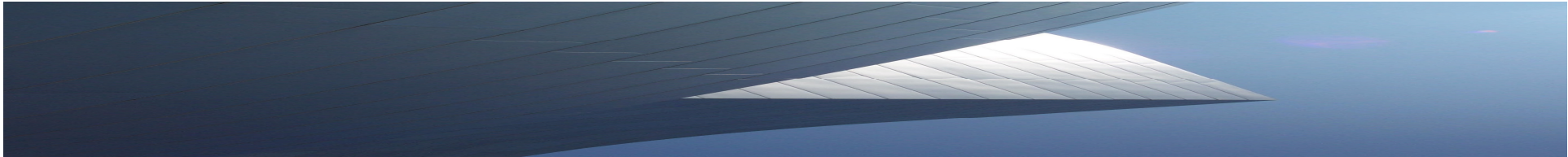
- + Despite the UGB expansion, the focus on a 'compact city' will see the need for higher density development
- + The economics / viability of these types of development within Adelaide might not stack up
- + Challenge will be to get developers to build this type of higher density product, especially TODs

# Don't forget the economy STUPID ...

- + Employment and Infrastructure
  - + Understanding infrastructure usage – where under-utilisation and over-utilisation is occurring
  - + Market gaps for employment land – commercial, retail, industrial demand / supply
  - + Movement of goods and people will determine:
    - + The right mix of jobs
    - + Geographically - where these will be situated

**Alternate approaches ...**

**FUTURE STRATEGIES**



***...underpinned by economic realities...***

## Easy trappings ...

### + **Not about tourism drivers...**

- + Music (Womadelaide)
- + Lance Armstrong (Tour Down Under)
- + Fringe Festivals
- + Clipsal 500 (V8s)

### + ... the focus must be on industries that ***drive & secure population growth***

- + Minerals & resource development
- + Automotive & Defence
- + Agribusiness & Mining
- + New industries ... Education, Research

## Economy first ...

- + These drivers focus on SA's ***competitive advantage***
  - + Triple A credit rating
  - + An advanced manufacturing, technology and research base
  - + Comparatively low property, land and construction costs
  - + Specifically, Adelaide is:
    - + Australia's **most cost-competitive city** for business
    - + **Seventh most liveable** city in the world (2007)
    - + Among the world's **least expensive** cities in which to live

# Planning imperatives ...

## + Metropolitan Thinking

- + Employment market to new centres
- + Employment targets need to be achieved with realistic structure plans / local strategies
- + ***Proactive policies*** to induce economic development
- + For councils, there needs to be a ***refocus on projects***
- + Adelaide reinforces itself as the centre of economic development in the region
- + ***Freight and logistics as a suburban (and regional) driver***

## Ear to the ground ...

- + Knowledge of **local market** is vital
  - + Keep abreast of changes
  - + Identify opportunities
  - + *“Steer the ship, rather than the ship steer you”*
  - + Housing and employment studies
  - + Engage with the private sector
  - + Compete!
  - + SA & Adelaide to the world – **local economies** will play their part!

## Facilitating Investment ...

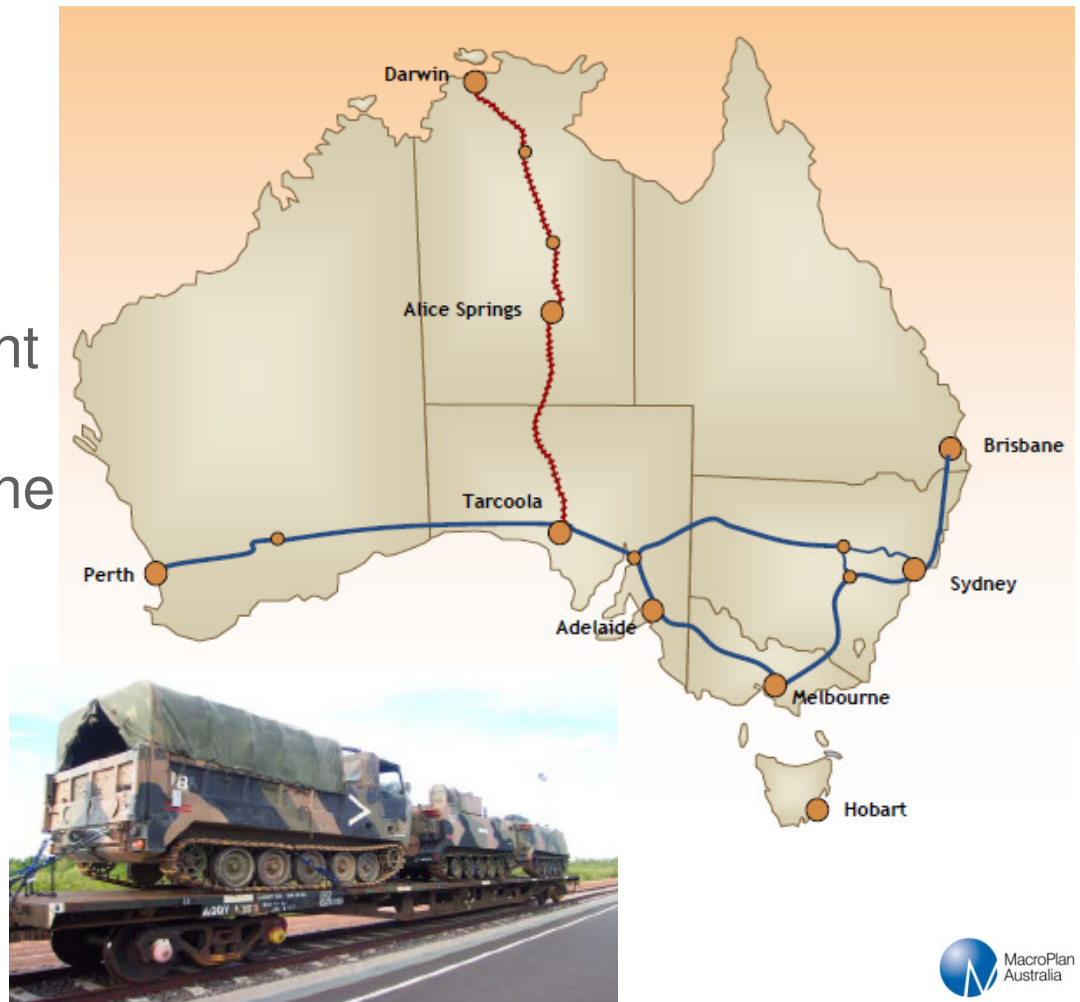
- + Infrastructure Investment
  - + Critical to provide infrastructure where needed
  - + ***Private Public Partnerships (PPP)***
  - + Funding mechanisms under the Local Government Act
  
- + Key projects planned by State Government:
  - + Royal Adelaide Hospital (\$1.7 billion)
  - + \$2 billion in transport infrastructure, including duplication of Southern Expressway (\$445 million)
  - + Adelaide Oval redevelopment (\$190 million committed)

# A connected Australia ...

## + Greater focus on **freights and logistics**

### + *Adelaide to Darwin railway*

- + Bisects mineral developing region
- + More of Darwin's freight is being sourced from Adelaide and Melbourne



# North –south connectors ...

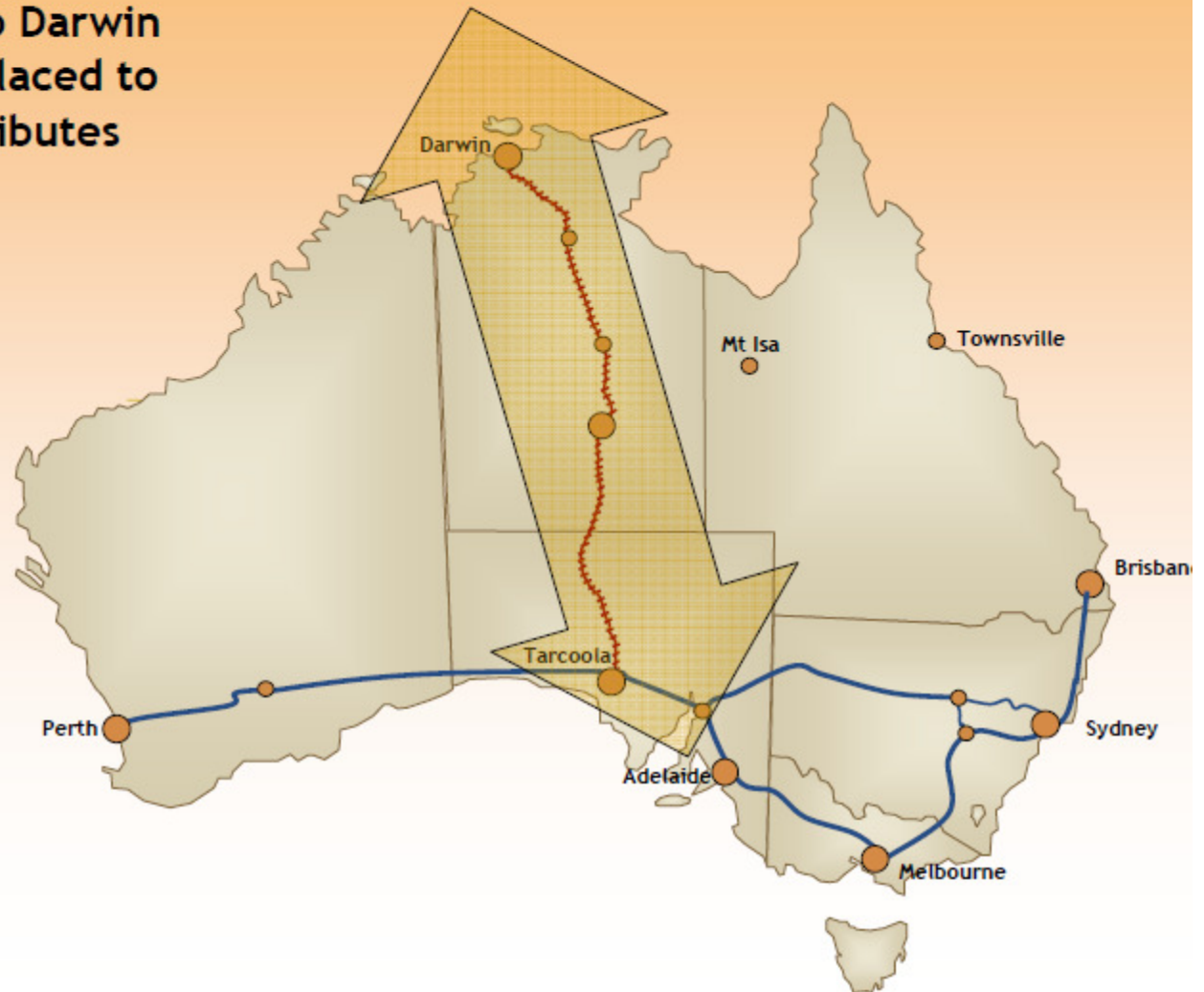
South Australia has made a significant investment in the Adelaide to Darwin railway corridor and is well placed to take full advantage of its attributes

## Exports

- Bulk minerals
- Mining consumables
- Processed and refined minerals
- Containerised freight

## Imports

- Fuel products
- Mining consumables
- Containerised freight
- Project cargo



Source: Freightlink, SA Transport Infrastructure Summit 2008

# SA & Adelaide to the world ...

+ Adelaide to Darwin rail corridor enhances engagement and connectivity to Asia

Major Markets:

- China / Hong Kong
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Japan
- Canada
- Indonesia
- France
- USA
- Kuwait



## Future strategies ...

- + Greater focus on health and ageing
  - + 'Solving' health & ageing using new forms of mutual support e.g. **clubs of the future**
  - + Using mature age structure to '*learn*'
  - + National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) – new model of primary care

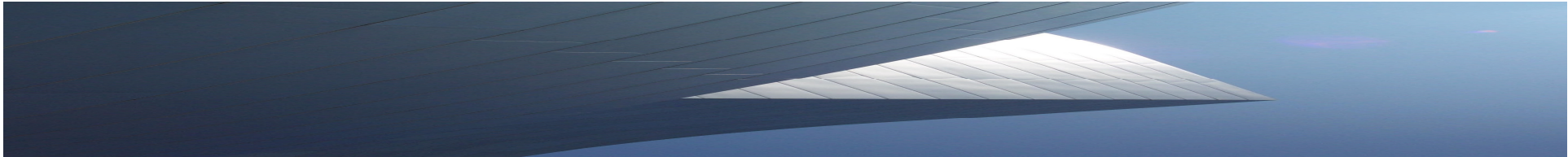


## Future strategies ...

- + Considerable deregulation is needed
  - + Recent land tax reforms - threshold is lifted from \$110,000 to \$300,000
  - + Reduce **cost of living**
  - + Create market for **medium density development**
  - + Create market for new **mixed use development**
  - + Underpin the **competitiveness** of SA – minerals and resources
  - + *Is there a better way to unlock SA's wealth?*

## Conclusion ...

- + To meet aggressive growth targets, more ***major projects*** are required
- + Hard to imagine density targets being achieved (and employment)
- + Eastern Seaboard doesn't know much about SA
- + **The 30-year plan for Adelaide needs credibility**



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