

YACSA consulted with young people to identify their critical issues of concern in the lead up to the 2018 State Election. The survey link was distributed to our young members via direct email and via Facebook and was open to all young people 12 - 25. The survey was completed both individually and by groups with approximately 110 young people contributing.

Respondents reported the following:

Top 5 critical issues impacting on young people:

1

Employment/Unemployment/Under-employment

- the lack of available jobs and underemployment
- the casualisation of the workforce.

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Housing affordability/Homelessness

- house and rental prices out of reach
- social and community housing stocks decreasing.

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Education

- access to affordable education
- HELP repayments.

4

Environment & renewable energy

- a greater focus on renewable energy
- ensuring environment is protected for future generations.

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Cost of living

- significant rises in the costs of food, transport, utilities, education and housing.

Other issues highlighted:

Transport and licencing

Mental health

Marriage equality /LGBTI rights

Asylum seekers & foreign aid

Government income support

Political representation

Gender equality

- Domestic/family violence
- Health
- Living with a disability, support and accessibility
- Social pressure and societal expectations
- International peace and stability
- Safety at night
- Starting a business
- Government support for re-training in evolving industries
- Closing the wage gap between men and women
- Supporting local business
- Diet and health
- Lack of services and supports for the LGBTIQ community
- Sex education in schools and where children and young people are getting this information from (i.e. online porn)
- Sexualisation and stereotyping of women and men in the media
- The 'lack of South Australian brand' that encourages shows/bands/entertainers to come to Adelaide
- Lack of affordable or free entertainment options.