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Closure of CBD Metro Information Centre another cut to essential public services

Today's announcement that the Adelaide Metro Information Centre will close reveals yet again how out of touch the Marshall government is with the needs of South Australians said PSA General Secretary Nev Kitchin.

"This is just one more in a long list of bad decisions made by the Marshall government since it came to power last March. What will it take for them to realise that the people who voted them into power expect the proper provision of essential services?"

"The Metro Information Centre in the city provides services that other outlets can't, and is one of the few with access for people with disabilities. To obtain a student, pensioner or other Metro concession card you need to attend a Metro Information Centre or the train station, so the closure of this outlet will inconvenience a large number of people," said Kitchin.

"Among the many services to be affected by these cuts are the Metro Information Call Centre at Roma Mitchell House, Online Enquiries, Public Announcements and more."

"Further, Metro Information Centres are the only place public transport users can obtain an actual hard copy timetable, which for some is the only way they can plan their travel."

"Tourists visiting South Australia and Adelaide also rely heavily on this service, they make up a considerable number of the customers served at the Currie Street outlet on a daily basis. Mr Marshall is talking up the need to lift tourism into the state but at the same time is closing down services tourists rely on," Kitchin said.

"When you combine this announcement with the impending privatisation of trains and trams, SA Pathology, prisons, Service SA and the motor registry, traffic signal and road maintenance and more, we have a state government that clearly places no value on public services. Does Mr Marshall understand he was elected to provide public services, not shut them down?" Kitchin asked.

"These cuts will eventually mean the loss of more public sector jobs, and when people aren't working they aren't contributing to the economic growth of the state. These cuts are about making short-term savings at the expense of the South Australian public and they need to stop."

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