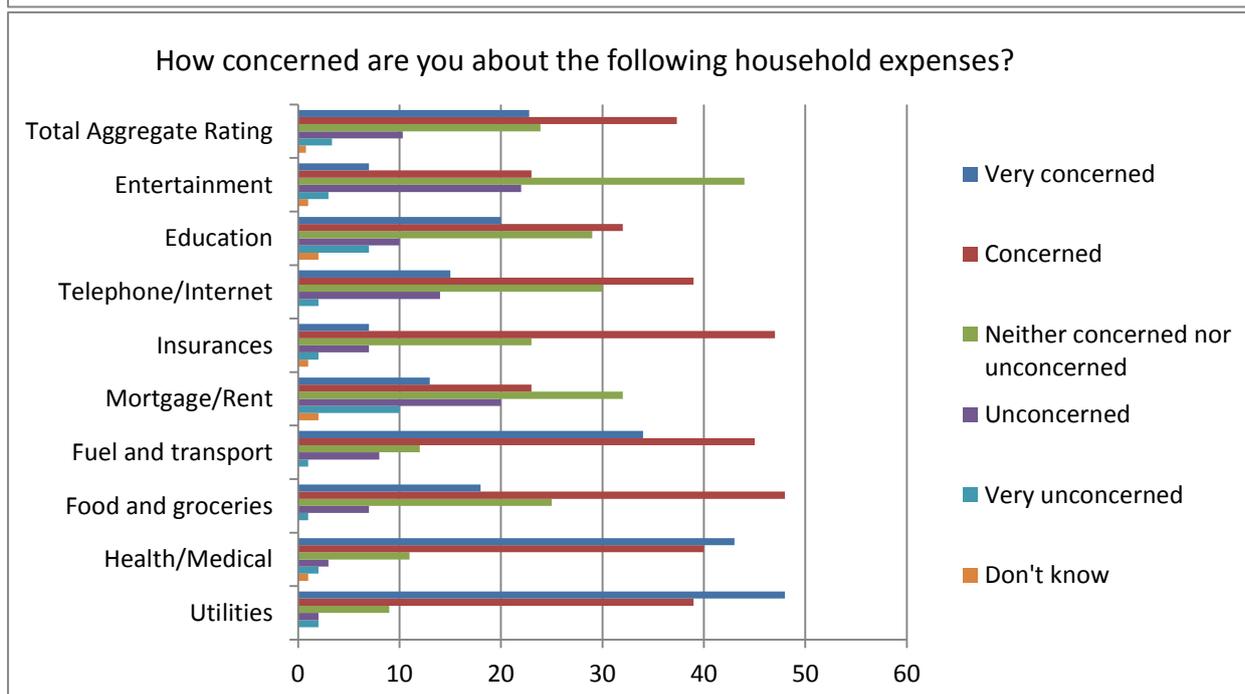
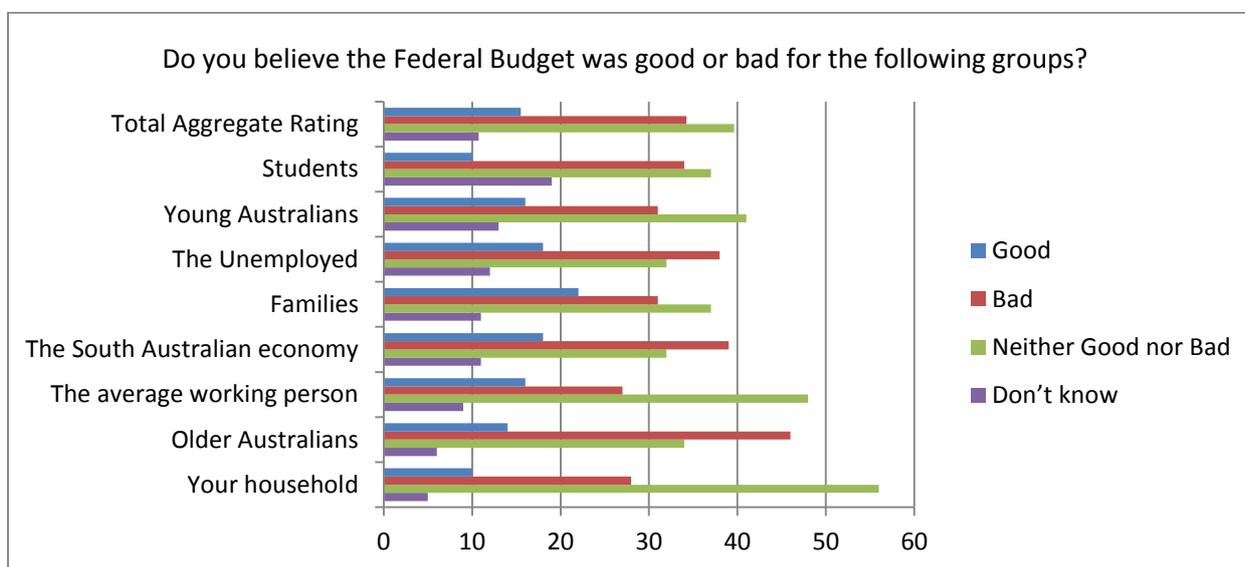


# RAA Member Panel

## Budget 2015/16

RAA advocates on behalf of South Australian motorists every day. Following the Federal Budget, and leading into the State Budget, we felt it was a particularly important time to gauge our member's views on government spending, especially given the millions in revenue that's collected from motorists each year and allocated to projects.

It's pleasing to note only five per cent of respondents indicated they had little or no awareness of the Federal Budget. Budgets have the potential to place additional burden on certain sectors of the community, so following the recent Federal Budget announcement RAA was interested in gaining an understanding of who our members believed would be impacted the most. In general, 39 per cent of members felt that the Federal Budget was neither good nor bad, with 34.25 per cent believing as a whole the Federal Budget was bad.



The majority of respondents were concerned or very concerned with general household expenses. The ongoing debate around increasing cost of utilities, health/medical and fuel was of greatest concern to the Member Panel, while entertainment and insurance were of least concern.

When considering the impending State Budget, Member Panel respondents listed the following key priorities:

- Increased funding for roads and public transport
- A need to reconsider the recent increase to the Emergency Services Levy
- Increased assistance for regional areas
- Improved health and education services
- Improved government spending transparency and community participation in decision making

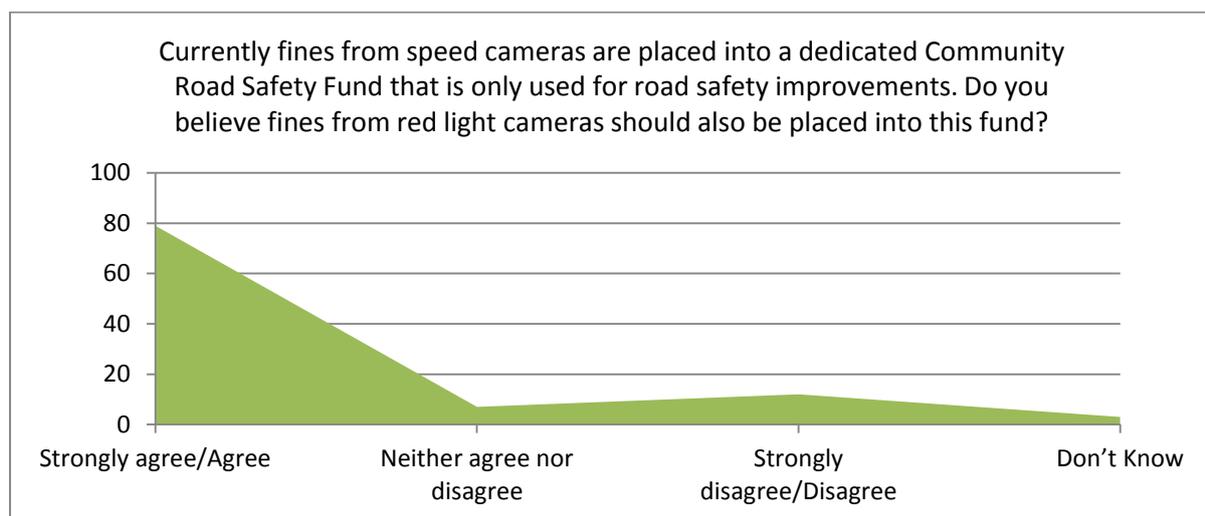
When posed with a question on how best to return the budget to surplus, respondents highlighted four distinct themes:

- Increased investment and economic stimulus
- GST reform
- Government transparency and prudent management
- Tax reform, such as closing taxation loopholes and transparency in big business taxation

Member Panel respondents were given the chance to add any other comments relating to the Federal or State Budgets. Many indicated they would like to see more efficient government spending, with spending to be focussed on 'essentials', while also expressing concerns over the ability of the State and Federal Governments' ability to work collaboratively.

Respondents highlighted that they feel motorists are treated as a source of revenue and would like to see all money collected from road users directed back into road funding; a position RAA has been advocating. Other responses included increased funding for road maintenance, particularly regional roads, and an investment in activities that create jobs for South Australians.

When asked how red light camera fines should be treated, overwhelming support was for revenue to go into the dedicated Community Road Safety Fund. This reinforces the view revenue collected from motorists should be used for roads and road safety.



When asked what action they'd like to see RAA take following the State and Federal Budget, members wanted to see us represent them on road maintenance and infrastructure, fuel, driver education and road safety. There were also a number of responses calling for RAA to have a greater voice in rural roads, public transport, resisting unnecessary speed limit reductions in place of upgrading roads, and active transport. Similarly RAA tries to be conscious of our members opposing views and takes all views into consideration.

# Attachment 1 – Member Panel Questions and Results

## Note:

- Automated rounding by RAA software may result in total not equalling 100% exactly

### 1. Please enter your postcode

Region	%
SA Metro	74.2%
SA Country	25.4%
Qld	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 2. Which of the following best describes your household?

- a) I live with my partner, but all children have left home - 31%
- b) I live with my partner (and no children) - 23%
- c) I live with my partner, with one or more children at home - 19%
- d) I am single and live alone or in a group household - 14%
- e) Prefer not to answer - 5%
- f) I am a single parent, with one or more children at home - 3%
- g) I currently live at home with my parents - 3%
- h) I am single, but all children have now left home - 2%

### 3. Which of the following best describes your awareness of the Federal Budget?

- a) I have a fairly good idea - 43%
- b) I have a rough idea - 32%
- c) I am very aware - 20%
- d) I don't pay too much attention - 5%
- e) No idea - 1%

### 4. Overall, do you believe the recent Federal Budget was good or bad for the following groups:

- a) Your household
  - a. Neither good nor bad - 56%
  - b. Bad - 28%
  - c. Good - 10%
  - d. Don't know - 5%
- b) The average working person
  - a. Neither good nor bad - 48%
  - b. Bad - 27%
  - c. Good - 16%
  - d. Don't know - 9%
- c) The South Australian economy
  - a. Bad - 39%
  - b. Neither good nor bad - 32%
  - c. Good - 18%
  - d. Don't know - 11%

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- d) Older Australians
    - a. Bad - 46%
    - b. Neither good nor bad - 34%
    - c. Good - 14%
    - d. Don't know - 6%
  
  - e) Young Australians
    - a. Neither good nor bad - 41%
    - b. Bad - 31%
    - c. Good - 16%
    - d. Don't know - 13%
  
  - f) Students
    - a. Neither good nor bad - 37%
    - b. Bad - 34%
    - c. Don't know - 19%
    - d. Good - 10%
  
  - g) Families
    - a. Neither good nor bad - 37%
    - b. Bad - 31%
    - c. Good - 22%
    - d. Don't know - 11%
  
  - h) The unemployed
    - a. Bad - 38%
    - b. Neither good nor bad - 32%
    - c. Good - 18%
    - d. Don't know - 12%
  
  - i) Small business
    - a. Good - 70%
    - b. Neither good nor bad - 16 %
    - c. Bad - 7%
    - d. Don't know - 7%
  
  - j) Big business
    - a. Neither good nor bad - 42%
    - b. Good - 41%
    - c. Don't know - 13%
    - d. Bad - 4%
  
  - k) People with a disability
    - a. Bad - 34%
    - b. Neither good nor bad - 33%
    - c. Don't know - 19%
    - d. Good - 14%

**5. How concerned are you about the following household expenses?**

a) Utilities

- a. Very concerned - 48%
- b. Concerned - 39%
- c. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 9%
- d. Unconcerned - 2%
- e. Very unconcerned - 2%
- f. Don't know - 0%

b) Health/Medical

- a. Very concerned - 43%
- b. Concerned - 40%
- c. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 11%
- d. Unconcerned - 3%
- e. Very unconcerned - 2%
- f. Don't know - 1%

c) Food and groceries

- a. Concerned - 48%
- b. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 25%
- c. Very concerned - 18%
- d. Unconcerned - 7%
- e. Very unconcerned - 1%
- f. Don't know - 0%

d) Fuel and transport (car, public transport etc.)

- a. Concerned - 45%
- b. Very concerned - 34%
- c. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 12%
- d. Unconcerned - 8%
- e. Very unconcerned - 1%
- f. Don't know - 0%

e) Mortgage/Rent

- a. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 32%
- b. Concerned - 23%
- c. Unconcerned - 20%
- d. Very concerned - 13%
- e. Very unconcerned - 10%
- f. Don't know - 2%

f) Insurance (home, car, health, life etc.)

- a. Concerned - 47%
- b. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 23%
- c. Very concerned - 20%
- d. Unconcerned - 7%
- e. Very unconcerned - 2%
- f. Don't know - 1%

- g) Telephone/Internet
  - a. Concerned - 39%
  - b. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 30%
  - c. Very concerned - 15%
  - d. Unconcerned - 14%
  - e. Very unconcerned - 2%
  - f. Don't know - 0%

- h) Education
  - a. Concerned - 32%
  - b. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 29%
  - c. Very concerned - 20%
  - d. Unconcerned - 10%
  - e. Very unconcerned - 7%
  - f. Don't know - 2%

- i) Entertainment (holidays, social activities etc.)
  - a. Neither concerned nor unconcerned - 44%
  - b. Concerned - 23%
  - c. Unconcerned - 22%
  - d. Very concerned - 7%
  - e. Very unconcerned - 3%
  - f. Don't know - 1%

**6. What impact do you expect the recent Federal Budget announcements to have on your household spending in the following areas:**

- a) Utilities
  - a. Increase - 48%
  - b. Neither increase nor decrease - 40%
  - c. Don't know - 9%
  - d. Decrease - 4%

- b) Health/Medical
  - a. Increase - 68%
  - b. Neither increase nor decrease - 22%
  - c. Don't know - 7%
  - d. Decrease - 4%

- c) Food and groceries
  - a. Increase - 53%
  - b. Neither increase nor decrease - 37%
  - c. Don't know - 7%
  - d. Decrease - 3%

- d) Fuel and transport (car, public transport etc.)
  - a. Increase - 63%
  - b. Neither increase nor decrease - 28%
  - c. Don't know - 7%
  - d. Decrease - 2%

- e) Mortgage/Rent
  - a. Neither increase nor decrease - 62%
  - b. Increase - 21%
  - c. Don't know - 14%
  - d. Decrease - 3%
  
- f) Insurance (home, car, health, life etc.)
  - a. Increase - 57%
  - b. Neither increase nor decrease - 33%
  - c. Don't know - 8%
  - d. Decrease - 2%
  
- g) Telephone/Internet
  - a. Neither increase nor decrease - 51%
  - b. Increase - 37%
  - c. Don't know - 10%
  - d. Decrease - 2%
  
- h) Education
  - a. Neither increase nor decrease - 45%
  - b. Increase - 39%
  - c. Don't know - 14%
  - d. Decrease - 2%
  
- i) Entertainment (holidays, social activities etc.)
  - a. Neither increase nor decrease - 46%
  - b. Increase - 39%
  - c. Don't know - 11%
  - d. Decrease - 4%

**7. How important is it that the Federal Government has a surplus?**

- a) Somewhat important - 40%
- b) Very important - 23%
- c) Unimportant - 16%
- d) Neither important nor unimportant - 15%
- e) Very unimportant - 3%
- f) Don't know - 2%

**8. How important is it that the State Government has a surplus?**

- a) Somewhat important - 37%
- b) Very important - 30%
- c) Neither important nor unimportant - 15%
- d) Unimportant - 13%
- e) Don't know - 3%
- f) Very unimportant - 3%

**9. If the Government was to return the budget to surplus, what do you believe would be the best approach?**

- a) Cut spending only - 39%
- b) Cut spending and increase taxes - 29%
- c) Other - 11%
- d) Unsure/Don't know - 11%
- e) Increase taxes only - 9%

Verbatim responses indicated four distinct themes:

- Increased investment and economic stimulus
- GST reform
- Government transparency and prudent management
- Tax reform
  - Close taxation loopholes
  - Transparency in big business taxation

**10. The State Government will release its budget on 18 June 2015. What would you like to see in this budget?**

RAA members call on the State Budget to:

- Increase funding for roads and public transport
- Reconsider recent increases to the Emergency Services Levy
- Increased assistance for regional areas
- Improved health and education services
- Improved government spending transparency and community participation in decision making

**11. How strongly do you agree or disagree that having a State and Federal Government from different political parties affects the amount of monies South Australia receives from the Federal Government?**

- a) Agree - 29%
- b) Strongly agree - 29%
- c) Neither agree nor disagree - 25%
- d) Disagree - 9%
- e) Strongly disagree - 5%
- f) Don't know - 3%

**12. Currently fines from speed cameras are placed into a dedicated Community Road Safety Fund that is only used for road safety improvements. Do you believe fines from red light cameras should also be placed into this fund?**

- a) Strongly agree - 52%
- b) Agree - 27%
- c) Neither agree nor disagree - 7%
- d) Disagree - 6%
- e) Strongly disagree - 6%
- f) Don't know - 3%

**13. Do you have any other comments relating to the Federal or State budgets?**

Verbatim responses

**14. Following the Federal and State budgets is there anything you would like to see from RAA?**

Verbatim responses