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## Media Release

### ALRM welcomes Liberals ICAC policy

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement welcomes the Opposition Leader, Isobel Redmond's Policy statement that when she is elected Premier she will introduce within a reasonable period, an Independent Commission Against Corruption.

“This is refreshing news following the endless denial by the Rann Government that such a body is not required. SA is one of only two jurisdictions without an ICAC and none of us is naive enough to believe corruption is absent from our State,” said ALRM CEO, Neil Gillespie.

“In fact such a body is required so that significant issues of concern by the community are reviewed by an independent body. ALRM has concerns over the lack of transparency of a number of significant Government initiated activities and transactions.

“I am also pleased to support the Redmond Liberal policy of ensuring the Police Complaints Authority is truly independent of Police and concerns about conflicts of interest are addressed.

ALRM is also excited to learn that the Liberal Opposition will review the position on a Stolen Generations Compensation scheme similar to that in other jurisdictions. ALRM expects to participate in this review.

These significant policy positions by Isobel Redmond and the State Liberal party will go a long way to reinstate confidence in the State Government in Aboriginal Affairs following the failure of Mike Rann to honour his personal commitment on Aboriginal legal aid. Mr Rann stated in the SA Parliament that he will ensure that ALRM is adequately funded so that Aboriginal people access justice to the same degree as other members of the SA community.

Whilst ALRM is apolitical, it is imperative that our voice is heard on significant issues that affect Aboriginal people. For the Rann Government to continue to deny Aboriginal people access to justice is a crime within itself. He has denied he has any responsibility to fund ALRM since becoming Premier. It was a different story prior to taking the top job in the State.

“It gets back to credibility, integrity and trust of our political leaders. This election is about these three key words,” said Mr Gillespie.

“What is given as a commitment should be undertaken when elected. For a leader to go back on commitments and promises once elected is unsatisfactory and we electors should never accept the breaching of our trust by any politician, Liberal or Labor. We are defrauded of our individual votes, which is unacceptable,” he said.

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