# **Australian Defence Force Arrivals in South Australia - Survey Results**



The need for improved housing, schooling options and employment opportunities for Australian Defence Force (ADF) families were among the key findings from a recent Veterans SA survey targeting Defence members and their families that have recently posted to South Australia.

Below is a snapshot of the responses.

### Demographic

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RESPONSES

72% MALE 28% FEMALE

of repondents were between 25-44 years old

Respondents were primarily part of the Australian Army and Air Force communities



48% Air Force

**16%** Army

Navy

**Home Life** 

58%

of respondents were in a relationship whereby one partner was a civilian and the other was a member of the Defence Force



85%

of respondents were current ADF members

11%

of respondents were partners or spouses of an ADF member

38%

of respondents had children

55%

of those had at least one child under 4 years old

### Partner Employment

51%

of ADF partners/spouses are already employed locally

11%

stated they are currently seeking employment

49%

indicated that they would prefer full time employment

51%

of partners/spouses work or are seeking employment in the healthcare, social assistance, administration and education industries



## **EMPLOYMENT**OPPORTUNITIES

for members and partners/spouses is the highest contributing factor in respondents choosing to stay in South Australia

#### Life in South Australia

84%

of repondents said SA was a desirable posting location

## MAJOR BENEFITS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POSTING



Family and/or friends live in SA



Adventure and leisure options



The lifestyle



The weather

26%

of respondents had a negative experience relating to housing in SA 37%

of respondents had a positive experience with tourism and recreation in SA

"Housing is very difficult to secure in Adelaide."

"Great location for raising a young family... Plenty of local attractions and events."

# MAJOR CONCERNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POSTING



Loss of support networks



Housing standards



Partner's employment

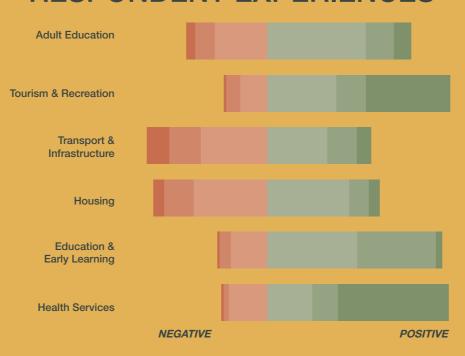


Children's education



Cost of living

### RESPONDENT EXPERIENCES



43% of reperced percentages.

of respondents said their perception of SA improved after they arrived

# **Veterans SA Key Action Points**



To explore options for the provision of occasional child care to assist ADF partners to undertake job seeking activities



To undertake further exploration and analysis of the issues surrounding transfer of professional licences and registration in SA for ADF partners



To promote ADF partner employment and educate local employers regarding the value of employing ADF partners



To pursue options for addressing the financial costs associated with training/re-training for ADF partners



To increase awareness and educate schools and the wider SA community regarding the unique experiences of ADF children



To provide ADF community feedback to relevant departments/agencies and organisations



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