

The future of Senator Robert Simms, one of the freshest faces in the Greens team, may hang on whether he is first or second on his party's ticket. In his home state of South Australia, where the Nick Xenophon Team looks to be strong, the Greens face a particularly tough battle.

But Simms tells Michelle Grattan he thinks the Greens have a chance of retaining their two seats.

"There's no question it's going to be a lot of work for us in South Australia but I do think we can do it," he says.

He also discusses the appeal of the Greens' to new groups of voters.

"I think one of the really good things about the Greens and our evolution as a political party is that we've really smashed that dichotomy that used to exist between the environment and the economy,

"We've really been able to say that what is good for the environment is good for the economy," he says.

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