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Strategic Plan 2024-25

The State Planning Commission is South Australia's principal planning advisory and development assessment body

The State Planning Commission (the Commission) was established on 1 April 2017 as the State's principal planning body to undertake the advisory and assessment functions specified in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act). It is a non-partisan Commission.

The Commission currently comprises six members, including the Chair and an ex officio public servant from the State's planning and development department. Each member of the Commission brings significant experience and expertise from a range of disciplines relevant to the administration of the Act.

Details of the Commission members are available at: saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au

The Commission is responsible for guiding the development and ongoing evolution of the planning system in South Australia.

The Commission has established the following Committees under section 29 of the Act:

- **State Commission Assessment Panel** to undertake the Commission's assessment responsibilities
- **Building Technical Panel** to provide advice on building assessment matters
- **Heritage Sub-Committee** to advise on Heritage matters
- **Building Fire Safety Committee for out-of-council areas** as an appropriate authority for the purposes of section 157 of the Act.

The Commission supports the Minister for Planning in the administration of the Act. The State's Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the Commission with professional and technical services, administrative support and other resources.

The Commission's Strategic Plan frames the way the Commission will conduct its business and describes the emphasis that it will give to its work plan over the next 12 to 18 months.

The Commission prepares a strategic plan each year to ensure the Commission's priorities are contemporary and responsive to changing circumstances.

The Commission's charter is to act in the best interests of all South Australians, to achieve the objectives of the [Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016](#).

Our Goal

A nation-leading planning system that:



Engages and serves the citizens of South Australia.



Enables the creation of prosperous, equitable and sustainable communities.



Safeguards South Australia's assets and resources.



Provides fair, timely and robust decisions.

Our Guiding Principles

The State Planning Commission operates with the guiding principles summarised as:

- **Acting lawfully and impartially.**
- **Being ambitious, enterprising, and aspirational.**
- **Being reasoned and rational and acting based on evidence and research.**
- **Building the confidence of Government, the Parliament, First Nations People, communities, and industry.**
- **Working across Government and with business and community.**
- **Delivering results by being proactive, progressive and performance-based.**

The Commission works collaboratively with, and helps coordinate, the variety of interests that operate in the planning domain. The Commission aims to be open and transparent in its procedures and deliberations in line with its transparency policy.

Our Strategies

The Commission has adopted three strategic areas:

1. Planning for Growth and Change
2. Enhancing our Planning System
3. Leading on Planning Policy

It is important to note that each of the strategic areas identified above includes priorities and that the priorities listed against one strategy may also contribute to the other strategies.

In addition to the identified strategic areas, the Commission also has functions and powers under the Act including advising the Minister on Code Amendments.

Priorities for 2024-25

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Planning for Growth and Change

- 1.1. Lead the development of Regional Plans across South Australia
 - 1.1.1. Kangaroo Island
 - 1.1.2. Yorke Peninsula and Mid-North, Eyre and Western, Far North
 - 1.1.3. Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee
- 1.2. Influence the management of growth and change for Greater Adelaide by:
 - 1.2.1. Developing the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan
 - 1.2.2. Ensuring adequate supply of zoned land

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Enhancing our Planning System

- 2.1. Implement the recommendations of the Expert Panel as supported by the Government.
- 2.2. Develop Design Standards to facilitate streamlined assessment
- 2.3. Monitor and report on population, housing and urban development trends
- 2.4. Undertake targeted improvements to site contamination policy and practice
- 2.5. Support councils on improvements to the Character Preservation Overlays including to rural value adding policy
- 2.6. Update to State Planning Policy 1 Integrated Planning to ensure our planning system is well resourced
- 2.7. Amend the Community Engagement Charter

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Leading on Planning Policy

- 3.1. Progress Code Amendments and other instruments to implement the Expert Panel and Housing Roadmap:
 - 3.1.1. Affordable Housing
 - 3.1.2. Trees Protection and Planting
 - 3.1.3. Character and Heritage
 - 3.1.4. Assessment Improvements
 - 3.1.5. Strategic Sites and Corridors
 - 3.1.6. Neighbourhoods and Infill
 - 3.1.6.1. Raising the bar on infill
- 3.2. Lead the development of policy to support new forms of housing:
 - 3.2.1. Future Living
 - 3.2.2. Accommodation Diversity
- 3.3. Respond to our changing climate by:
 - 3.3.1. Finalising the State-wide Bushfire Hazard Overlays Code Amendment
 - 3.3.2. Progressing flood mapping and policy development
- 3.4. Undertake targeted policy improvements to the Code, including:
 - 3.4.1. Exploring mechanisms to better address industrial and residential interfaces
 - 3.4.2. Review Code policy regarding tourism development in key wine regions



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