



## Agenda Report for Noting

Meeting Date: 7 July 2022

Item Name	SPC Communications & Engagement update
Presenters	Emma Williams
Purpose of Report	Noting
Item Number	6.2
Strategic Plan Reference	N/A
Work Plan Reference	N/A
Confidentiality	Not Confidential (Release Immediately), with the exception of Attachments 3 and 4 which are classified as Not Confidential (Release Delayed)
Related Decisions	N/A

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the State Planning Commission (the Commission) resolves to:

1. Approve the designation of this item as Not Confidential (Release Immediately), with the exception of **Attachment 3** [REDACTED] and **Attachment 4** [REDACTED] which are classified as Not Confidential (Released Delayed). The final version of **Attachment 3** is anticipated to be released in August/September 2022, and, if the Minister for Planning agrees to its publication, **Attachment 4** is anticipated to be released in July 2022.
2. Note the Communication and Engagement update report as read.

### Discussion

This report provides an overview of the current work program of the Commission's Communications and Engagement (C&E) Team, highlighting major communications and engagement activity conducted since 9 June 2022, as well as upcoming opportunities and media issues.

Communication Platforms

Key Element	Status
Commission Website	<p>Information on the Regional Planning Program has been added to the Commission website under 'Commission Projects' on the 'About the Commission' webpage.</p> <p>It is expected that the Commission's Strategic Plan 2022/23 will be published and available for download from the website in the first week of July.</p> <p>The Commission website restructure and new content is scheduled to go live in the next PlanSA release on 7 July.</p>
Commission LinkedIn	<p>As of 27 June 2022, the Commission has 1,123 followers – an increase of 46 followers (since 9 June 2022).</p> <p>Recent LinkedIn posts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to <i>Practice Direction 14 – Site Contamination Assessment</i></li> <li>• Spencer Gulf Cities Summits</li> <li>• Green Adelaide Presiding Member Chris Daniel's profile and partnership with the Commission</li> <li>• National Reconciliation Week.</li> </ul>
Commission Events	<p>On 16 June 2022, the Commission visited the Town of Gawler and City of Playford and undertook a site visit of these growth areas with council staff.</p> <p>The Chair of the Commission, Commission Member Stuart Moseley and Ex Officio Sally Smith all gave presentations at the Planning Institute of Australia's State Conference on 17 June 2022.</p> <p>The Commission visited the City of Onkaparinga and undertook a site visit of growth areas with council staff on 24 June 2022.</p> <p>The Chair is scheduled to present to the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority on 30 June 2022.</p> <p>Further growth area site visits are planned for the Mount Barker District Council, City of Salisbury and City of Port Adelaide Enfield in July and August 2022.</p> <p>The Planning Institute of Australia's 'On the Couch' Breakfast with the Minister for Planning has been rescheduled for 30 September 2022 and will be held at the Rotunda, Adelaide Zoo.</p> <p>The calendar of Commission Events for 2022 is provided at <b>Attachment 1</b>.</p>
Commission Stakeholders	<p>It should be noted that Martin Haese had completed his tenure as CEO of Business SA.</p>

Communications Activity

Key Element	Status
Code Amendments	<p>The C&amp;E Team are currently involved in the delivery of communications and engagement activities for the following Code Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hackham – currently on consultation until 26 July 2022</li> <li>• Miscellaneous Technical Enhancement – due to commence consultation 28 July 2022</li> <li>• Flooding Hazards Mapping Update (Stage 1)</li> <li>• State-wide Bushfire Hazards Overlay</li> <li>• Future Living.</li> </ul>
SPC Strategic Plan 2022-23	<p>The Strategic Plan will be released in early July via the Commission website, Chair newsletter and social platforms. The Plan will be accompanied by an ‘Our Priorities for 2022-23’ document which has been designed to support the governance document (<b>Attachment 2</b>).</p>
Open Space and Trees Project	<p>Work is underway with Green Adelaide and Department for Environment and Water, to jointly release the ‘Planning and Design Guideline for Small Home Gardens’ and hold an industry roundtable.</p> <p>A draft communications plan is at <b>Attachment 3</b>.</p>
Regional Planning Program	<p>Preparations are underway on Regional Planning communications and engagement.</p>
Site Contamination	<p>An overarching communications strategy has been developed to support the Commission’s review of the Site Contamination Scheme and changes to <i>Practice Direction 14 – Site Contamination Assessment 2021</i>. Changes to the Practice Direction have now been implemented and communicated.</p>
Design Standards	<p>The C&amp;E Team are currently in the early stages of developing a communications and engagement plan to support the planning system’s first set of design standards for driveway crossovers.</p>
Climate Change	<p>Work is underway to create a brochure to communicate the work of the Commission and Department in the climate change space.</p>
<i>Planning Ahead</i>	<p>The June issue of the <i>Planning Ahead</i> newsletter included a column by the Chair that covered the Commission’s visits to the Town of Gawler, City of Playford, City of Onkaparinga and The Barossa Council.</p>

Media

Key Element	Status
Consultant activities	<p>To date, JP Media has provided the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photoshoot during Commission visit to the City of Onkaparinga conducted on 24 June. Noting two members were absent additional headshots and a group photo will be arranged in July</li> <li>• Social post on Green Adelaide partnership</li> <li>• Performance planning op-ed for publication in <i>InDaily</i></li> <li>• Strategic Plan communications collateral</li> <li>• Planning segment on ABC Adelaide afternoon program with Caroline Winter/Sonja Feldhoff (scheduled for 4 July 2022)</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that JP Media's contract expired on 30 June 2021.</p>
Media interest/issues	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>A regular media segment on the ABC Adelaide afternoon program featuring Craig Holden and Rebecca Thomas is in train, with the first interview occurring on 4 July 2022. The purpose of the segment is to address talk-back caller questions about how the planning system operates.</p>

Other business

Key Element	Status
Machinery of Government (MOG)	As of 1 July 2022, all Commission templates, collateral, website, presentations etc. will need to reflect the new Department for Trade and Investment (DTI) logo and branding (replacing the Attorney-General's Department logo and branding).
Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR)	On 1 July 2022, AMR for building industry professionals will come into effect in South Australia. A communications plan has been prepared to announce this to South Australian Accredited Professionals. See <b>Attachment 5</b> .
Open Spaces Grants Program	The Office for Design and Architecture SA (ODASA) is currently working with DTI to announce changes to the Open Spaces Grants Program for 2022/23 and introduction of the new Community Infrastructure Program.

**Attachments:**

1. State Planning Commission Events Calendar 2022 (#18249493).
2. 'Our Priorities for 2022-23' – State Planning Commission Strategic Plan 2022-23 (#18880007).
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. Automatic Mutual Recognition – Communications Plan (#18664067).

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Date: 30 June 2022

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# 2022 MONTHLY CALENDAR

APRIL											
				Friday 1	Sat/Sun	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Sat/Sun
				Planning & Building user forums					UDIA Conference		
Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Sat/Sun	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Sat/Sun
	SPC Meeting										
Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Sat/Sun						
			SPC Workshop & Meeting								

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						Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Sat/Sun
						Minister attending GAROC				Planning & Building user forums	
Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Sat/Sun	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Sat/Sun
			SPC Meeting	Green Adelaide Leaders Forum – SPC Chair speaking							
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Sat/Sun	Monday 30	Tuesday 31				
		Open Spaces Funding Model Meeting – Chair & Ex-officio attending	SPC Meeting	Regional Local Government CE Forum @ LGA – Minister and SPC Chair attending			Upper Spencer Gulf Summit @ Port Augusta – SPC Chair and SPC Members attending				













STATE  
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# Our Priorities for 2022-23



Government of  
South Australia



The State Planning Commission is South Australia's principal planning advisory and development assessment body, with its guidance and assessment functions specified in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Our Goal is 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

We will work across Government and with business and community to harness the enormous opportunities that lie ahead of South Australia, fuelled by burgeoning hi-tech industries such as space, cyber and renewables and the ongoing shift to flexible work arrangements post-COVID.

Our key areas of focus over the next 12 to 18 months will help shape SA's planning future for the next decade and beyond:

#### Planning for Growth and Change

We will lead the drafting of 6 new Regional Plans for country South Australia; and

Help shape growth and change across Greater Adelaide by:

- Overseeing a review of the 30-year Plan for Greater Adelaide, and
- Ensuring adequate supply of zoned land

#### Enhancing our Planning System

By supporting the work of the Minister for Planning's newly appointed Expert Panel with current data, evidence, and information and

Developing design standards to expedite the assessment of applications

#### Leading on Planning Policy

Responding to our changing climate by:

- Progressing a review of trees policy and regulation
- Finalising the new Bushfire Code Amendment; and
- Progressing flood mapping and policy development

We will also support the effective protection of heritage and character

#### Delivering our Statutory Obligations

Including a review of the Community Engagement Charter and advising the Minister for Planning on Code Amendments

## Where

We will engage with communities right across South Australia through local councils, as well as State Government, community-based organisations, allied industry groups and businesses, to help inform our evidence-based planning.

## When

Our key focus areas will be revised each year to ensure the proposed actions are contemporary and respond to changing circumstances.



**South Australia is on the cusp of great change, as hi-tech industry sectors such as space research, cyber security and renewables – including the Government’s planned new Hydrogen Power Plant – create exciting opportunities for growth, not only in Adelaide but out in the regions**

Craig Holden  
State Planning Commission

## Communications Plan

# Automatic Mutual Recognition in SA

The Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) scheme is set out in the Commonwealth *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* and all states and territories, other than Queensland, have agreed to join the scheme.

This communication plan provides an overview of the activities that are being coordinated nationally as well as activities by Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) to communicate AMR to relevant stakeholders and accredited professionals in South Australia.

## Background

- AMR will make it easier for building industry workers who need to be accredited to take up work opportunities across most of Australia using their current accreditation.
- AMR applies to individuals but not companies.
- The commencement date for AMR will vary for each participating state and territory. Some jurisdictions commenced AMR on 1 July 2021. AMR commenced for certain CBS-regulated occupations on 1 February 2022, while AMR will commence for Building related accredited professionals in SA on 1 July 2022.
- Building accredited professionals and land surveyors are the only category of PLUS regulated occupations that will be covered by AMR.
- Accredited professionals who are currently accredited in another state or territory and wish to work in SA will need to notify the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#) before commencing any work.
- The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC) has convened an AMR Communications Working Group to enable state and territories to provide input into the AMR communications campaign. The working group is a sub-group of the Commonwealth-State Steering Group on AMR.
- PMC is preparing materials for AMR regulators to adapt and implement in their respective jurisdictions.

## Project aim

To implement AMR in South Australia (SA) for building-related accredited professionals.

## Communication objectives

- To announce to relevant PLUS stakeholders and accredited professionals the commencement of AMR in SA.
- To ensure that information is available to interstate workers about the process for notifying the Accreditation Authority of their intention to work in SA.
- To provide information about AMR to the SA community that may hire accredited professionals from interstate.
- To support the national communications strategy and raise worker and consumer awareness of AMR.

## Key timeframes

<b>June 2021</b>	PMC commenced some developmental research to help inform the development of the communications campaign strategy. The research will explore target audience awareness, attitudes and behaviours, key drivers, any barriers, key messaging and preferred communication channels and products.
<b>1 July 2021</b>	AMR commenced in NSW, VIC, ACT and NT.
<b>November 2021</b>	PLUS to publish some interim information on its website/portal.
<b>Early 2022</b>	The Commonwealth will run a highly targeted, paid advertising campaign to boost awareness of AMR to a broad range of stakeholders.
<b>Tentative: February 2022</b>	AMR to commence in SA, with some occupations commencing on this same day (not accredited professionals). Certain CBS-regulated occupations will commence on this same date.
<b>Tentative: February – June 2022</b>	Communication activities to raise awareness of AMR with accredited professionals
<b>1 July 2022</b>	AMR to commence for accredited professionals in SA.
<b>July-August 2022</b>	Roll out communications to relevant PLUS stakeholders and workers

## Measures of Success

- Relevant industry groups in SA understand the new AMR scheme.
- High level of compliance by interstate workers in following the AMR process in SA.



## Audiences/stakeholders

<p><b>Other SA Government regulators -</b> Regulators that do not have a licensing/registration function but work closely with accredited professionals</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Land Use Services Division</li> <li>• Local Government Association</li> <li>• Department for Trade and Investment</li> <li>• Housing SA</li> <li>• Renewal SA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Planning Commission</li> <li>• SCAP</li> <li>• Building Technical Panel</li> <li>• Consumer and Business Services</li> <li>• Surveyors Board of South Australia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Industry groups – SA branches</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Institute of Building Surveyors</li> <li>• Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors</li> <li>• Surveyors Board SA</li> <li>• Planning Institute of Australia</li> <li>• Heads of Building</li> <li>• Australian Building Codes Board</li> <li>• Association of Consulting Architects</li> <li>• Australian Institute of Architects (AIA)</li> <li>• Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heads of Planning</li> <li>• SA Accredited Professionals Association</li> <li>• Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)</li> <li>• Construction Industry Training Board</li> <li>• Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers</li> <li>• Swimming Pools and Spas Association - SA</li> <li>• Housing Industry Association SA</li> <li>• Master Builders Association SA</li> <li>• Property Council of Australia</li> <li>• Urban Development Institute of Australia</li> <li>• Regional Development Australia - Boards</li> </ul>
<p><b>Registered Training Organisations</b> RTOs that provide training to accredited professionals (that aren't already covered under the industry groups list above)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Adelaide</li> <li>• University of SA</li> <li>• TAFE SA</li> <li>• University of Canberra</li> <li>• University of New South Wales</li> <li>• University of Sydney</li> <li>• University of Technology, Sydney</li> <li>• Macquarie University</li> <li>• University of New England</li> <li>• Western Sydney University</li> <li>• Northern Territory University</li> <li>• The University of Queensland</li> <li>• Griffith University</li> <li>• Queensland University of Technology</li> <li>• James Cook University</li> <li>• University of Sunshine Coast</li> <li>• Bond University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Newcastle</li> <li>• University of Western Sydney</li> <li>• Central Queensland University</li> <li>• Holmesglen Institute (VIC)</li> <li>• Tas TAFE</li> <li>• OTEN Sydney</li> <li>• CPD Training</li> <li>• University of Tasmania</li> <li>• La Trobe University (Bendigo Campus)</li> <li>• RMIT University</li> <li>• University of Melbourne</li> <li>• Deakin University</li> <li>• Victoria University</li> <li>• Curtin University</li> <li>• University of Western Australia</li> <li>• Edith Cowan University</li> </ul>

Courts	Other stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensing Court of SA</li> <li>SATAC</li> <li>Magistrates Court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Government Association</li> <li>Elected members</li> <li>Local councils</li> <li>Mayors</li> <li>Council planners</li> <li>Private certifiers</li> </ul>
Business advocates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business SA</li> <li>Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>	

## Key messages

- AMR will commence in South Australia for relevant accredited professionals on 1 July 2022.
- This will make it easier for interstate building industry workers who need to be accredited to take up new work opportunities in SA using their current home state accreditation.
- Accredited professionals will need to notify the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#) before commencing any work in SA.
- Relevant SA accredited professionals can also take up the benefits of AMR in other participating jurisdictions when looking to carry out work interstate using their SA accreditation.
- The AMR scheme removes the need for people to apply and pay for an additional registration or licence when working in another state or territory, saving them time and money.

## Implementation and tactics schedule

### Prior to AMR commencing in SA

Activity	Description	Timing
Website content	New web content on the Plan SA portal.	Nov 2021

### AMR commences in SA (but not for accredited professionals) - Tentatively 1 Feb 2022

Activity	Description	Timing
Media release	Announce AMR commencement in SA (DTF release)	Day of commencement
Website content	Update the web-post on the PLUS portal	Day of commencement

Activity	Description	Timing
Stakeholder communication	Included in PLUS newsletter	Commencement day or soon after

**AMR commences in SA for accredited professionals – 1 July 2022**

Activity	Description	Timing
Website content	Update the web-post on the PlanSA portal Add content to SA.GOV.AU	To go live 1/7/22
Stakeholder communication	Send (via email) a letter from PLUS to identified stakeholders and accredited professionals Provide an article for them to include on their website and/or newsletter to their members.	Send day of commencement
Factsheet for AMR workers	To be provided to AMR workers as part of the online notification process	From day of commencement
PLUS newsletter	Include articles in the Planning Ahead e-newsletter to communicate with the sector.	For several editions following commencement
Social media	Social media posts via the PlanSA Twitter and Facebook accounts.	To roll out from commencement
Staff communication	Inform relevant PLUS staff about AMR. Include an article in the CE's monthly and ED fortnightly newsletter to all staff	Just prior to commencement In the first newsletter following commencement

**National advertising campaign**

Activity	Description	Timing
Stakeholder communication	Send (via email) a letter to identified stakeholders about the national advertising campaign.	Early 2022
Social	Share national messaging via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PlanSA Twitter account</li> <li>PlanSA Facebook account</li> </ul>	To coincide with national campaign

Activity	Description	Timing

## Budget

The Australian Government has allocated \$2.3 million for the national communications campaign. The other communications activities to be conducted by PLUS will be managed in-house and will not require a budget.

## CONTENT

### Website Content: (Current Content)

[Accredited professionals scheme | PlanSA](#)

Click on the 'Pathways to obtain accreditation' accordion.

#### *Automatic Mutual Recognition*

A new scheme to automatically recognise interstate licences and registrations will make it easier for workers to take up job opportunities across most of Australia. Building professionals will be able to use their current accreditation without having to apply and pay for a new one when working interstate.

Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) will progressively roll out across the participating occupations, states and territories. Planning and Land Use Services is gearing up for AMR to commence for relevant accredited professionals on 1 July 2022.

[More information about AMR can be found here.](#)

### Website Content: Update

[Accredited professionals scheme | PlanSA](#)

Click on the 'Pathways to obtain accreditation' accordion.

#### *Automatic Mutual Recognition*

The Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) scheme recognises interstate building licences and registrations for various occupations, making it easier for building industry workers to take up job opportunities across most of Australia.

South Australian building accredited professionals, regulated by the Accreditation Authority under the [Planning, Development and Infrastructure \(Accredited Professionals\) Regulations 2019](#) will be able to use their current accreditation without having to apply and pay for a new one when working interstate.

It is important that accredited professionals [check the local arrangements](#) with the state or territory regulator where they are intending to work to determine if they are eligible for AMR.

Accredited professionals who are currently accredited in another state or territory and wish to work in SA will need to notify the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#) before commencing any work.

AMR is set out in the [Mutual Recognition Act 1992](#) of the Commonwealth and is implemented by state and territory governments. More information about the AMR scheme can be found on the Commonwealth Government website [Improving occupational mobility](#).

## PlanSA Online News Item:

### **AUTOMATIC MUTUAL RECOGNITION TO COMMENCE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR BUILDING RELATED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS**

From 1 July 2022, building industry workers who are currently accredited in another state or territory and wish to work in South Australia, will be able to do so under the Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) scheme.

AMR will also make it easier for accredited South Australian building industry workers looking to take up work interstate using their SA accreditation. SA building professionals will be able to use their current accreditation without having to apply and pay for a new one when working interstate.

It is important that accredited professionals [check the local arrangements](#) with the state or territory regulator where they are intending to work to determine if they are eligible for AMR. Prior to commencing work in SA, interstate building professionals will need to notify the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#).

AMR has been progressively rolling out since 1 July 2021 for a range of occupations in participating states and territories. AMR is expected to increase the mobility of Australia's workforce over time, and help businesses operate more seamlessly across Australia.

When fully implemented across the various occupations and jurisdictions, it is estimated that AMR could lead to an additional \$2.4 billion in economic activity over ten years as a result of savings to people and businesses, productivity improvements and extra surge capacity in response to natural disasters.

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A [register of South Australian accredited professionals](#) is available on the PlanSA portal. All accredited professionals are regulated by the Accreditation Authority under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (Accredited Professionals) Regulations 2019*.

Further information regarding the Automatic Mutual Recognition scheme (link to PlanSA webpage) or contact the Accreditation Authority on [DIT.APSQueries@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.APSQueries@sa.gov.au).

## Planning Ahead Newsletter Article:

### **AUTOMATIC MUTUAL RECOGNITION NOW AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING RELATED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS**

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For more information on AMR click here. (link to PlanSA webpage)

#### **Fact Sheet:**

A fact sheet is available for interstate workers once they have notified the Accreditation Authority that they want to commence work here using their interstate accreditation.

#### **Social Media:**

##### **Facebook:**

From 1 July, building professionals who are currently accredited in another state or territory and wish to work in SA will need to notify the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#) before commencing any work. (link to news story)

##### **Twitter:**

The Automatic Mutual Recognition scheme allows building related accredited professionals to take up job opportunities across most of Australia, while using their current accreditation without having to apply and pay for a new one when working interstate. (link to news story)

Share links with key stakeholders for sharing.

## STAKEHOLDER LETTER –

to *LGA / Council CEs / Key State Agencies / Industry / Accredited Professionals /*

Dear <Stakeholder>,

I would like to advise you that from today, as part of the Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) scheme, accredited building professionals who are currently accredited in another state or territory and wish to work in South Australia, will be able to do so by notifying the Accreditation Authority via the [Automatic Mutual Recognition notification form](#).

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Should you require any further information regarding the Automatic Mutual Recognition scheme, visit [PlanSA](#), email [PlanSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:PlanSA@sa.gov.au) or call the PlanSA Service Desk at 1800 752 664.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Smith  
Executive Director  
Planning and Land Use Services

**PLUS DIVISION ALL STAFF EMAIL FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

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Should you require any further information, please contact Hayley Gossert, the Accredited Professional Scheme Coordinator, on 7133 2284 or by email [Hayley.Gossert3@sa.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.Gossert3@sa.gov.au) or [DIT.APSQueries@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.APSQueries@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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