



Kangaroo Island Regional Plan Visioning Workshop

Regional plans are designated planning instruments under Section 46 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act, 2016* and set the long-term vision and direction for strategic planning and land use for the next 15 to 30 years. Regional plans contain clear principles for orderly development and the management of growth within a region. South Australia is split into seven proclaimed planning regions, each have their own separate plan. Regional plans are developed by the Department for Trade and Investment (the Department) on behalf of the State Planning Commission; taking a collaborative approach with councils, other government agencies, infrastructure organisations, industry and local communities.

This document reflects the information collected as part of the initial stages of developing the Kangaroo Island Regional Plan.

Engagement So Far

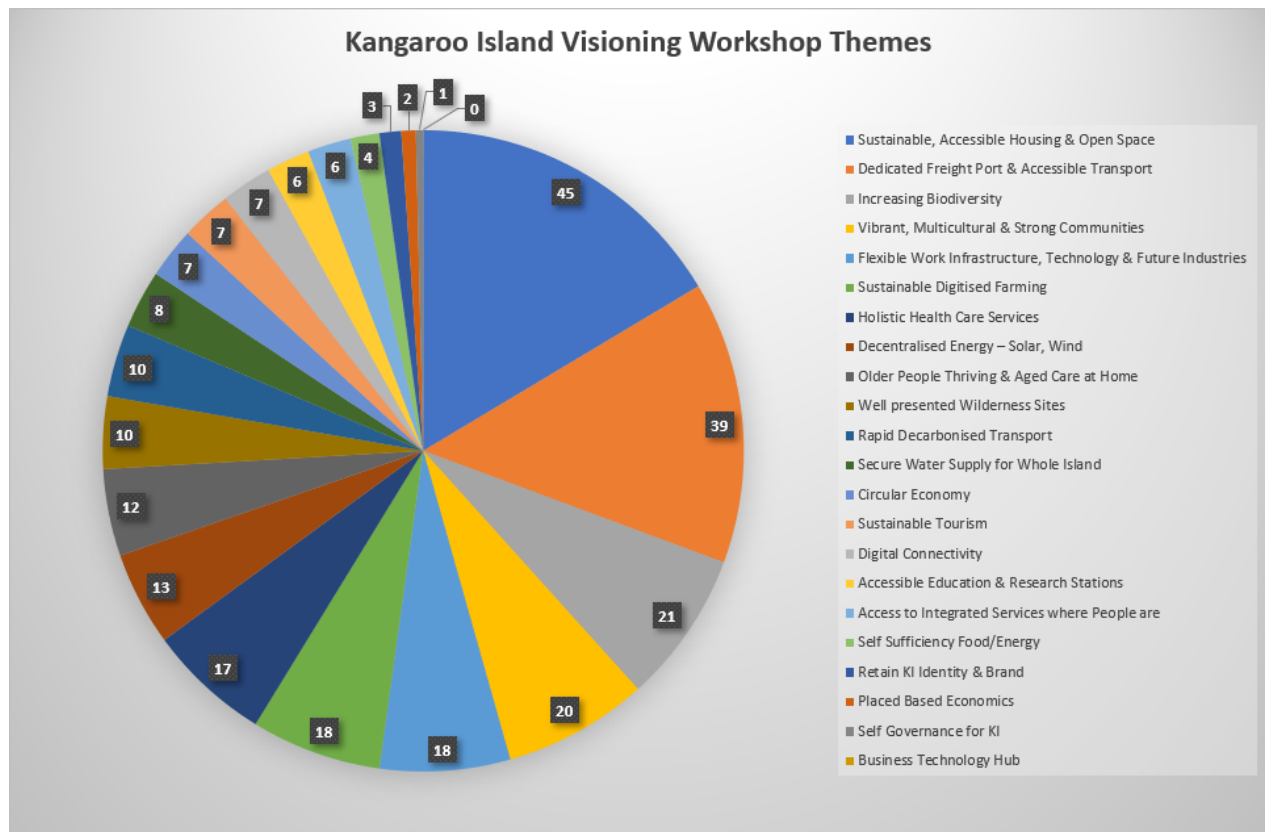
To date pre-workshop engagement activities, designed to inform councils, state agencies and key industry representatives, have been conducted by the Department. The Kangaroo Island Visioning Workshop was held on 9 December 2022, where representatives from the Kangaroo Island Council, key industry organisations, departments and progress associations were present. The workshop was led by the Chair of the State Planning Commission, Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) and Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPC). Over 30 key stakeholders were in attendance and provided invaluable knowledge of the Kangaroo Island region, by exploring how Kangaroo Island communities will be shaped, live, and grow over the next 30 years. The information collected during the Visioning Workshop will play a critical role in shaping the Kangaroo Island Regional Plan.



Figure 1: State Planning Commission Chair Craig Holden engaging with Kangaroo Island Visioning Workshop attendees at the Kingscote Town Hall on 9 December 2022

What We Heard

Kangaroo Island Visioning Workshop participants were asked to identify key vision issues that they felt should be reflected in the Kangaroo Island Regional Plan. Each of the vision issues were grouped under themes, as reflected in the pie graph below, and a voting process took place to identify key priority areas.



Workshop participants were then asked to consider each vision theme and identify the spatial issues that should be addressed in the Kangaroo Island Regional Plan. Further, workshop participants identified a number of “enablers” across the short, medium, and long term that are required to achieve the vision sought for Kangaroo Island.

Priority themes emerging were

Housing

- Increasing the number and nature of housing design to meet the growing population, with such growth concentrated in existing key townships.
- Rezoning of land to occur where needed and government land released to meet growing needs and demand.
- Higher density housing is supported in appropriate locations within Kingscote, with a desire to work with the State Government and Commission on the policy environment to support ‘infill.’

- Housing design is to be energy efficient and a more appropriate balance be achieved in township vegetation clearance to make way for housing projects through the use of offsets.

Transport & Infrastructure

- Tourism and freight transport needs to be established in appropriate locations, providing for ease of movement, washdowns for biosecurity and supported by good quality road networks for truck and passenger movements.
- Further consideration of the demand for a deep-sea port in Kangaroo Island is needed given the non-continuance of the forestry industry and be underpinned by feasibility studies on projected produce movements off the Island.
- Water security needs to be addressed through innovative solutions across the Island.
- Improved telecommunication infrastructure is needed to provide stronger connectivity across the Island and globally.

Biodiversity

- Retain an appropriate balance between vegetation clearance and sustaining state significant species, against development potential.
- Preserve primary production lands and maintain key vegetation corridors for fire control.
- Ensure flood inundation studies take place.
- Retain national parks and ensure the continuation of feral animal management plans and programs.

Sustainable Farming

- Support water storage for dry/drought years.
- Retain agriculture land.
- Introduce carbon neutral farming strategies.

Vibrant, Multicultural Communities

- Townships are supporting growth in population and are well serviced with health care, business centres and diverse shopping and restaurant experiences.
- Multicultural communities are encouraged and supported.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage is identified, acknowledged and preserved.

Technology, Future Industries

- Telecommunication enhancements support flexible work locations.
- A self-sufficient economy is retained on the Island and is able to trade on a global scale.
- Education pathways are supported by facilities and jobs for the future.



Figure 2: Kangaroo Island Visioning Workshop held at the Kingscote Town Hall on 9 December 2022

Next Steps

A draft Kangaroo Island Regional Plan will be prepared in early 2023, having consideration to the range of feedback received in the initial phase of engagement. Public consultation will be undertaken on the draft regional plan in mid-2023 and engagement activities will be developed to support wide-ranging participation by the community and stakeholders, with opportunities for in-person and online feedback. Details of these engagement activities will be developed in 2023 once the draft Kangaroo Island Regional Plan has been prepared.

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