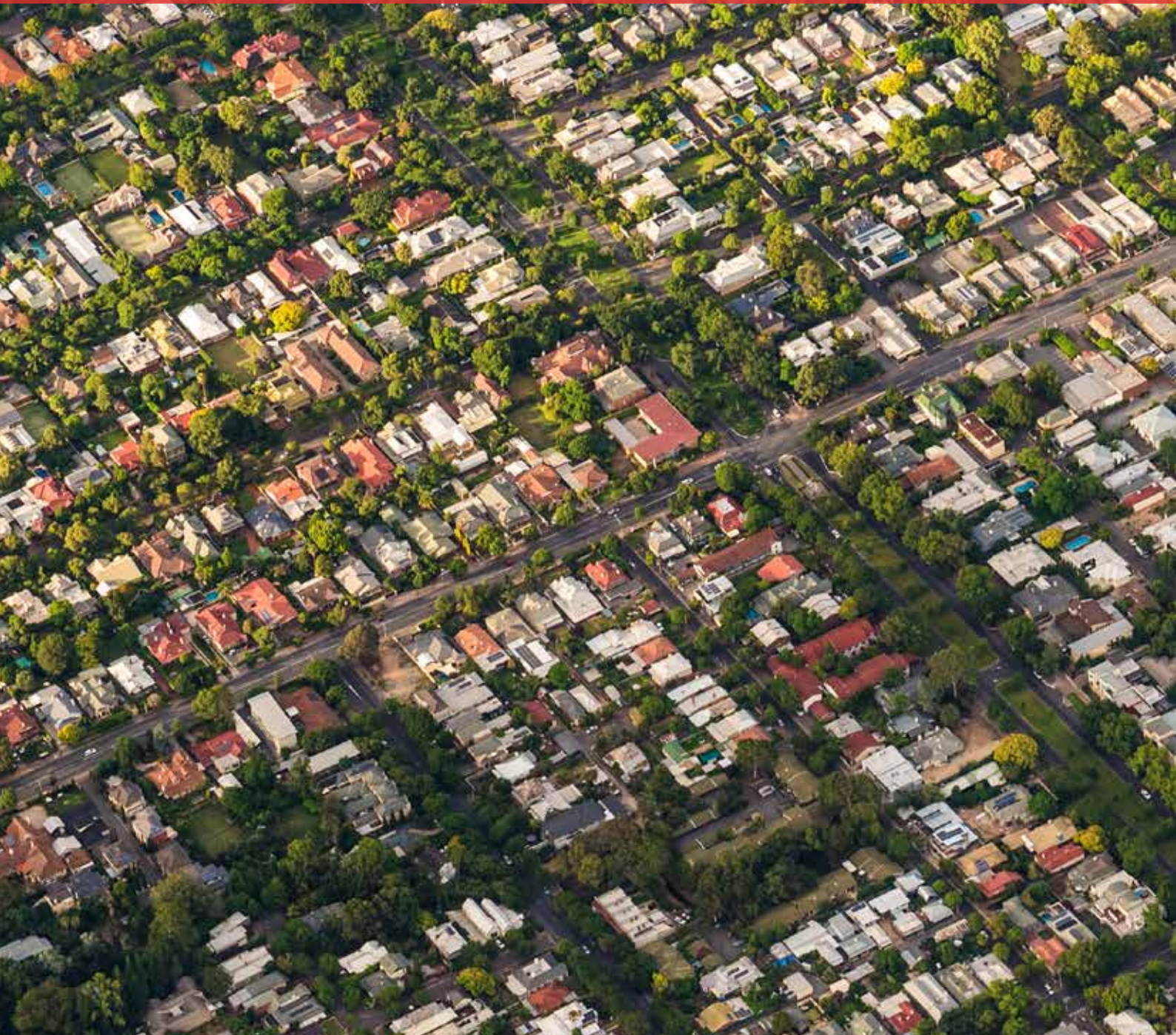




STATE  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION

# 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 are progressing a range of projects that will enhance our planning system while balancing the future needs and sustainable growth of regional and urban communities. Improving climate-related policies in the Planning and Design Code will continue to position our state as a leader in responding to climate change through planning policy.

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 development 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

#### Delivering our Statutory Obligation

- Including a review of the Community Engagement Charter
- Advising the Minister for Planning on Code Amendments; and
- Ensuring the effective operation of the State Commission Assessment Panel

#### Leading on Planning Policy

- We will respond to our changing climate by:
  - Progressing a review of trees policy and regulation
  - Finalising the state-wide Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment; and
  - Progressing flood mapping and policy development
- Develop policy to encourage new forms of housing while supporting heritage and character protection
- Working with state agencies responsible for each State Planning Policy to prepare the mapping in the Regional Plans
- Update and improve the Planning and Design Code

#### Enhancing our Planning System

- By engaging with and supporting the work of the Minister for Planning's Expert Panel with current data, evidence and information; and implementing the Expert Panel's recommendations supported by Government
- Introducing a new preliminary approval pathway (outline consent) for proposed developments to assist with project delivery
- Developing design standards to streamline the assessment of applications
- Monitoring and reporting on population data and land use trends
- Improving site contamination policy and practices

## 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