



Agenda Report for Noting

Meeting Date: 20 February 2025

Item Name	SPC Communications and Engagement Update	
Presenters	Steven Murphy	
Purpose of Report	Noting	
Item Number	6.3	
Strategic Plan Reference	N/A	
Work Plan Reference	N/A	
Confidentiality	Not Confidential (Release Immediately)	
Related Decisions	N/A	
Conflicts Declared	Nil	
Is the Report author aware of any potential undeclared conflict?		NO

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).
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 **13 January 2025**, as well as upcoming opportunities and media issues.

Comms and Engagement team update

Regional Planning Program

Key Element	Status
Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Engagement Report endorsement by Commission on 23 January 2025. GARP will be launched March 17 by Premier. Launch details to be determined.
Kangaroo Island Regional Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement Report is finalised and submitted for approval 18 December. KIRP launch to be scheduled. No longer launching on March 25.
USG Regional Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USG Engagement Plans endorsed by Commission on 12 December. Engagement commenced on 12 February 2025. Road trips to regions planned to commence from week 3 of engagement
South East Regional Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement Plans for Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee Regional Plans endorsed by Commission on 6 February 2025. Engagement to commence 25 March 2025

Communication Platforms

Key Element	Status
Websites – PlanSA and SPC	<p>Code Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Bull Creek Road – determination Festival Plaza – determination Centre Zone Adjustment – determination 306 Twartz Road, Gawler Belt - determination Onkaparinga Local Heritage – consultation Felixstow (Aldersgate) Intergenerational Community – initiation St Clair - initiation <p>New regional plan consultation pages</p> <p>The updated Community Engagement Charter, updated Charter toolkit for practitioners, new fact sheets and streamlined website content is now live.</p> <p>Migration of Code Amendments to the new Code Amendment Tracking System (CATS)</p>
SPC & Chair LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission’s LinkedIn now has 2073 followers, up 11 since

	<p>3 December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair's LinkedIn now has 2012 followers, up 61 from 13 January.
PlanSA Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PlanSA Facebook now has 6,211 followers, up 11 since 13 January.
SPC & PLUS Events	<p><u>Upcoming events:</u></p> <p>Nuclear-Powered Submarine Construction Yard EIS in-person drop-in information sessions involving ASA, ANI & PLUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 Feb, 11:30am-1:30pm State Library, Adelaide 20 Feb, 5pm-7pm, Port Adelaide Plaza, Port Adelaide 21 & 22 Feb, 1pm-3pm, Lefevre Community Stadium, Osborne <p>USG Regional Planning Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stakeholder briefing sessions 19, 21, 25, 26 Feb (industry, state agencies, EMs, community interest groups) <p><u>Previous events:</u></p> <p>Assessment Improvement Code Amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> key stakeholder online information sessions – 12 December, 22 January and 11 February <p>Accommodation Diversity Code Amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> public online information session – 6 February public online information session – 11 February
<i>Planning Ahead</i> Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December edition was released on 18 December The first edition for 2025 is scheduled to be issued in late February

Code Amendment Engagement

Key Element	Status
Nuclear-powered submarine construction yard EIS consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation began on 3 February and closes 17 March, run concurrently with ASA/Australian Government consultation re Strategic Assessment against EPBC Act. URPS (on behalf of ANI) have prepared communications materials including fact sheets, FAQs, event display boards and completed a letter-drop to neighbouring properties. PLUS comms and engagement activities include: YourSAy and PlanSA website, stakeholder letters, social media, Planning Ahead, drop-in information sessions, public notice 25 submissions have been received so far.
Draft Festival Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 87 submissions were received during the consultation period,

Code Amendment	<p>12 September to 24 October (6 weeks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing-the-loop communications activities were delivered 15 January notifying people of the decision, including media release, PlanSA and YourSay website updates, social media, email to engagement participants.
Draft Future Living Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 248 submissions were received during the consultation period, 15 August to 7 November (12 weeks). • While there were mixed responses, the majority support the Code Amendment or support it with some concerns. • The engagement report is currently being finalised.
John Rice Avenue Smithfield Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 submissions were received during the consultation period, 21 October to 2 December. • The majority support the Code Amendment or support it with concerns. • The ‘what we heard’ summary and engagement evaluation survey was sent to all engagement participants and 4 surveys were returned. • The engagement report is going through internal approvals.
Assessment Improvements Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation continues through to 4 March (12-week consultation) • Three online information sessions for key stakeholders have been held across December, January and February – 55 people attended.
Accommodation Diversity Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation launched on 5 December and closes on 27 February (12 weeks). • More than 60 submissions have been received so far.
Tree Protection and Planting Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft engagement plan for the Code Amendment is in development. • Consultation is pencilled in for late March, although it is pending a decision sitting with DEW on the development of a policy for native vegetation.
Interface Management Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement plan is currently being developed. • Consultation timing to be confirmed; pencilled in to begin Quarter 1 2025.
State-wide Bushfire Mapping Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 188 submissions were received during the consultation period, from 23 November 2023 to 5 April 2024. • The engagement report has been finalised.
Engineering Design Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement plan is being prepared

Communications Activity

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Key Element	Status
Community title land division regulations consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 submissions were received from councils and state agencies during the consultation period, 27 November to 20 December • Promoted via stakeholder letters, SPC and PlanSA social media, Planning Ahead e-newsletter, PlanSA website.
Vehicle Parking Bill consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications materials have been developed to support consultation on the draft Development and Infrastructure (Vehicle Parking) Amendment Bill 2025. • Members of the Minister’s Liaison Group have been invited to provide feedback on the draft bill by 21 February 2025.
Community Engagement Charter Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated Community Engagement Charter was launched on Monday 10 February. • The launch included updated and streamlined information on the PlanSA webpage, an updated Charter toolkit for practitioners and new fact sheets on complying changes engagement and engagement with diverse communities. • The launch also included a summary email to “close the loop” with all consultation participants alongside all consultation reports and information published on the PlanSA website. • Communications activities to promote the updated Charter included emails to key stakeholders and industry, social media posts via LinkedIn and Facebook and a carousel and newstory on the PlanSA homepage • The updated Charter will also be promoted in the next edition of <i>Planning Ahead</i>
Murray Bridge Infrastructure Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter has been sent to landowners, council and developers to notify and seek feedback on the draft outline for the infrastructure scheme. • The consultation on the draft outline is open for 3-weeks and closes on Monday 3 March. • The consultation on the draft infrastructure scheme will occur after this, date TBC.

Media

Key Element	Status
Media interest	<p>The team prepared information for the media and the Ministers Office on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival Plaza CA • Car Parking Bill • Mount Barker Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three infrastructure schemes – Concordia, Sellicks and Murray

	<p>Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Osborne Construction Yard• Felixstowe CA• St Clair CA• Twartz Rd Gawler CA• Launch of three country regional plans• Planning protections for wildlife corridors• HIA announcement – No. 1• Lockley's CA• Smithfield Regeneration CA
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