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Strategic Plan 2023-24

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 five 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 administering the Act. The State's Department for Trade and Investment 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.

This plan will be revised each year to ensure the proposed actions are contemporary and respond 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 will operate consistent with the principles summarised here:

- **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 will work collaboratively with, and help coordinate, the variety of interests that operate in the planning domain. It will endeavor to be open and transparent in its procedures and deliberations.

Our Strategies

The Commission has adopted four strategies:

1. Planning for Growth and Change
2. Enhancing our Planning System
3. Leading on Planning Policy
4. Discharging Statutory Obligations

The Commission has identified specific priorities within each of these strategic areas. It is important to note that the priorities listed against one strategy may also contribute to the other strategies.

Priorities for 2023-24

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Planning for Growth and Change

- 1.1. Lead the development of Regional Plans across South Australia
- 1.2. Influence the management of growth and change for Greater Adelaide by:
 - 1.2.1. Progressing the review of the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
 - 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. Implement Outline Consents to increase pathway options
- 2.3. Develop Design Standards to facilitate streamlined assessment
- 2.4. Monitor and report on data and trends (population and land use impacts)
- 2.5. Undertake targeted improvements to site contamination policy and practice
- 2.6. Support Councils on improvements to the Character Preservation Overlays including to rural value adding policy

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Leading on Planning Policy

- 3.1. Undertake targeted policy improvements to the Code, including:
 - 3.1.1. Exploring mechanisms to better address industrial and residential interfaces
 - 3.1.2. Support Referral Agencies to enhance Overlays and Deemed-to-Satisfy solutions
- 3.2. Respond to our changing climate by:
 - 3.2.1. Finalising the review of trees policy
 - 3.2.2. Finalising the Bushfire Code Amendment
 - 3.2.3. Progressing flood mapping and policy development
- 3.3. Deliver effective communication material on the role of the planning system in addressing climate change
- 3.4. Lead the development of policy to support new forms of housing
- 3.5. Support the effective protection of heritage and character

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Discharging Statutory Obligations

- 4.1. Review the Community Engagement Charter
- 4.2. Advise the Minister on Code Amendments
- 4.3. Ensure the Commission operates in line with governance best practice



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