
Living Locally

Creating neighbourhoods that are close to jobs and services, with a variety of transport options and high-quality public open spaces is a key outcome of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (the Plan), ensuring more South Australians can live locally.

The Plan aims to create walkable and connected neighbourhoods that enable people to meet their daily needs close to home via a short walk, bike ride or public transport journey.

To do this, the Plan provides for more housing near employment and amenities. These growth areas will integrate with high-frequency public transport as well as walking and cycling networks to provide more transport options, reduce car dependency and support more physically active travel.

The Plan also recognises that access to public open spaces is becoming increasingly important as our neighbourhoods grow and evolve. They also contribute to greening and cooling of our urban areas. The provision of safe, accessible and high-quality public open spaces and recreation areas close to home is vital for our health and wellbeing.

Through the concept of 'Living Locally,' the Plan will meet the changing needs and life stages of our community by creating greener, healthier, and more connected neighbourhoods.

What we heard

Throughout our engagement on the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan Discussion Paper and the draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, we heard that South Australians want to live in places that are close to shops, open space, services and jobs. Key things we heard included:

- Well-located, quality open space is a key part of living locally and essential to meeting community needs and expectations. There was a desire to see more open space and facilities with shade for year-round use.
- Open space provides active and passive recreation, sport, relaxation, exploration and plays a key role in contributing to amenity. 'Pocket' parks and smaller green spaces are highly valued by the community, particularly in areas where higher-density development is taking place.
- Open space was not considered to be evenly distributed across Greater Adelaide, with the size, amount and quality of open spaces varying significantly across the region.
- Sporting and recreation facilities need to be planned for to ensure they are well-located to neighbourhoods.
- Substantial investment in public transport infrastructure is required to reduce car dependency across the Greater Adelaide region.
- Cycling and walking infrastructure is considered by many to help enhance Living Locally and reduce carbon emissions, resulting in better environmental and health outcomes.

The Greater Adelaide Regional Plan aims to:



Support Living Locally

The Plan supports the creation of neighbourhoods which are walkable, have direct routes to shops and services, are close to employment opportunities, and have easy access to high-frequency public transport.



Provide more public open space

The Plan establishes open space principles, identifies new open space locations, supports the equitable distribution of open space, and increases urban green cover in growth areas and areas that currently lack tree canopy.



Enhance public transport networks

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport has developed a State Transport Strategy to guide future transport investment, development and services. This strategy aligns with the Plan to ensure the state's public transport network supports existing and future growth areas. It also explores connections and enhancements to local public transport networks to improve accessibility within neighbourhoods.



Maximise public transport and active travel

The Plan promotes the use of walking and cycling networks and more active travel options, especially in established middle ring and outer metro neighbourhoods which have been designed historically around the car.



Reduce emissions

The Plan supports the reduction of emissions and car use through the 'Living Locally' concept.

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