

Agenda Report for Noting

Meeting Date: 2 October 2025

Item Name	SPC Communications and Engagement Update	
Presenters	Steven Murphy	
Purpose of Report	Noting	
Item Number	6.1	
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.

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 18 June, as well as upcoming opportunities and media issues.

Comms and Engagement team update
Regional Planning Program

Key Element	Status
Kangaroo Island Regional Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Kangaroo Island Regional Plan and Engagement Report was endorsed by SPC on 15 May. Summary doc and Source of Truth doc currently going through approvals before design on final versions begins. KIRP launch date scheduled for Q4 2025 along with all country regional plans. Draft letter to KI Council and stakeholders about the implementation date sent out on 16 July. C&E Manager to present Comms Plan for launch of Country Regional Plans at 2 October Commission meeting.
USG Regional Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12-week engagement on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans concluded on May 7. S73 Engagement reports endorsed by Commission. Summary docs and Source of Truth docs currently going through approvals before design on final versions begins. USG plans launch dates scheduled for Q4 2025 along with all country regional plans. C&E Manager to present Comms Plan for launch of Country Regional Plans at 2 October Commission meeting.
South East Regional Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12-week engagement on the Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee Regional Plans concluded on the 17 June 2025. S73 Engagement reports endorsed by Commission. Summary docs and Source of Truth docs currently going through approvals before design on final versions begins. MMRP and LCRP plans launch dates scheduled for Q4 2025 along with all country regional plans. C&E Manager to present Comms Plan for launch of Country Regional Plans at 2 October Commission meeting.

Communication Platforms

Key Element	Status
Websites – PlanSA and SPC	<p>Code Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Wakefield – engagement St Clair – engagement Lot 501 Bedford Park – engagement Playford Alive East – initiation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaton – initiation • 23 North, Angle Vale - initiation <p>Other updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/26 financial year fee updates • Updated Practice Direction 2 – Preparation and Amendment of Designated Instruments • Updated Practice Direction 8 – Inspection Policy for Swimming Pools • Updated Practice Direction 9 – Council Inspections • Announcement of Community Title Land Division Amendment Regulations 2025 • Planning Ahead – July 2025 • The Building Standard – July 2025 • Mount Lofty Golf Estate major development – approval • Updates to Population pages to reflect newly released ABS data • Updated State Planning Policies • New Practice Guideline 3 – Historic Area Overlay
SPC & Chair LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission’s LinkedIn now has 2,311 followers. • The Chair’s LinkedIn now has 2,490 followers. • Recorded all posts and associated statistics in content management system.
PlanSA Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PlanSA Facebook has 7,598 followers.
SPC & PLUS Events	<p><u>Previous events:</u></p> <p>Seaton Code Amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public drop-in information session – 18 September (TBC) • Public online information session – 24 September (TBC) <p>Draft Concordia Code Amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner drop-in session, including information about the infrastructure scheme – 10 July at Lyndoch • Public drop-in information session – 15 July at Gawler • Public online information session – 17 July online • Public drop-in information session – 21 July at Lyndoch <p>Local Housing Strategy Initiation Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted by DHUD and LGA, 1-day workshop with council policy planning, strategic planning and engineering staff to initiate the Local Housing Strategies project – 21 July
<i>Planning Ahead</i> Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August edition: Newsletter August 2025 Edition View Newsletter

	<p> PlanSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July edition: Newsletter July 2025 Edition View Newsletter PlanSA
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Code Amendment Engagement

Key Element	Status
Concordia Code Amendment and Infrastructure Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the draft Concordia Code Amendment launched on 19 June and closed on 31 July (6 weeks), with almost 190 submissions received. Online and in-person stakeholder and public information sessions were held, including targeted sessions for government and industry, affected landowners and KNYA/NNAC. The Barossa Council planning staff also joined DHUD staff at the public drop-in events. Work on the engagement report is underway, with Aurecon having done an initial review of all submissions received.
Future Living Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing the loop communication materials are being prepared ahead of the spatial application of the code amendment being finalised and adopted on Thursday 25 September.
Assessment Improvements Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPC endorsed the Engagement Report at its meeting 19 June 2025. Final package of the code amendment and engagement report are with the Minister for approval.
Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment and Infrastructure Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiation of the new Joint Amendment took place on 21 August 2025. Engagement on the Joint Amendment commenced on 4 September for 6 weeks, concluding on 16 October. Engagement materials to update stakeholders are included in the engagement plan: Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment YourSAy
Accommodation Diversity Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation opened on 5 December and closed on 27 February (12 weeks). Closing the loop communications are being drafted in preparation for the Minister's decision. Minister approval scheduled to be announced 25 September, along with Aged Care updates.
Smithfield Regeneration Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code amendment was initiated on 13 March 2025 and 578 landowners in the affected area were notified by letter. Investigations being finalised by Renewal SA. Consultation is anticipated for late October 2025.
Playford Alive East Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on the Code Amendment commenced on 27

Amendment	<p>August and will run for 6 weeks, concluding 7 October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement plan drafted and approved with code amendment document, and available: Playford Alive East Code Amendment YourSAy
Seaton Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code Amendment initiated by Chief Executive on 23 July 2025. Investigations being finalised by Renewal SA. Engagement Plan to be submitted with draft Code Amendment for CE approval, expecting engagement to commence mid-late October.

Other Engagement

Key Element	Status
Engineering Requirements for Land Divisions Design Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation launched on 20 May and closed on 15 July. 90 submissions were received from councils, government agencies, industry organisations planning professionals and community. The What We Heard report was distributed 2 September.
EIS consultation re nuclear-powered submarine construction yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on EIS prepared by ANI opened on 3 February and closed 17 March 2025, run concurrently with ASA/Australian Government consultation re Strategic Assessment against EPBC Act. The 'What we heard' summary has been sent to engagement participants with the engagement evaluation survey.

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 development application Concordia Code Amendment Live Music Venue Zone listed venues and impacts relating to 88 North Terrace student accommodation tower Mount Lofty Golf Estate development provisional approval Freemasons development on North Terrace Limestone Coast Regional Plan – Winetitles publication Accommodation Diversity CA media release approved Barossa tourism EIS
Premier's speech notes	<p>The team reviewed and coordinated approvals for the Premier's speech notes for the Master Builders Excellence Awards regarding:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GARP• EFPA
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Date: 22 September 2025