



STATE
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Strategic Plan 2020-2021

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 non-partisan, principal planning body to undertake the advisory and assessment functions specified in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

It comprises five members, including the Chair and an ex officio public servant from the State's planning and development department. Each member brings significant experience and expertise from a range of disciplines relevant to the administration of the Act.

The Commission is responsible for guiding the development of the new planning system. The Commission also assumed the functions and powers of some advisory and development assessment entities that existed under repealed development legislation.

The Commission has established the State Commission Assessment Panel to undertake the Commission's assessment responsibilities, formerly undertaken by the Development Assessment Commission. A Building Technical Panel has also been established to provide advice on building assessment matters and replaces the Building Rules Assessment Commission. The Commission has also established a Heritage Sub Committee which has convened a number of Hearing Panels to address Development Plan Amendments involving heritage matters that were previously dealt with by the Development Policy Advisory Committee and its Local Heritage Advisory Committee.

Details of the Commission members are available at: saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au

The Commission supports the Minister for Planning and Local Government in administering the Act. The State's Attorney General's Department provides the Commission with professional and technical services, administrative support and other resources, as needed.

This 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, approved August 2020, 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

An outstanding planning system that:



Engages and serves the citizens of South Australia in building prosperous communities.



Is reasoned and rational based on evidence and research.



Leads to effective stewardship of the State's assets and resources



Is ambitious, enterprising and aspirational.

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 deliberations.

Our Guiding Principles

The State Planning Commission will operate consistent with the principles summarised here –

- **Acting lawfully.**
- **Acting impartially.**
- **Maintaining confidence of Government, the Parliament, industry and other stakeholders.**
- **Working across government and with business and community.**
- **Delivering results.**

Our Strategies

1. Implementing the New Planning System.
2. Leading on Planning Policy.
3. Administering the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.
4. Engaging South Australians.

Priorities for 2020 - 2021

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IMPLEMENTING THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM

- 1. IMPLEMENTING THE CODE AND E-PLANNING SYSTEM FOR PHASE 3**
- 2. PRIORITISING AN ORDERLY CODE AMENDMENT PROCESS WITH THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FOR 2020/21:**
 - 1.1. ADDRESSING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**
 - 1.2. PROTECTING AGAINST BUSHFIRES**
 - 1.3. PROVIDING SUFFICIENT LAND SUPPLY WITH A FOCUS ON OUTER METROPOLITAN GROWTH AREAS AND INFILL MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITIES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
 - 1.4. SUPPORTING GROWTH OF ECONOMIC INVESTMENT CLUSTERS**
 - 1.5. LOCAL HERITAGE DPAS**
 - 1.6. UPDATING REGULATED TREES POLICIES**
 - 1.7. OTHER AMENDMENTS WITH STATE-WIDE STRATEGIC BENEFIT**

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LEADING ON PLANNING POLICY

- 1. FACILITATE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT PLANNING BOARDS**
- 2. INTRODUCE THE METROPOLITAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- 3. REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION AREAS**
- 4. COMMENCE UPDATE TO THE 30-YEAR PLAN FOR GREATER ADELAIDE**
- 5. DEVELOP A REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM FOR 2021-23**
- 6. FORMALISE CITY PRECINCT MASTERPLANS INCLUDING THE RIVERBANK AND FURTHER PRECINCTS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ADELAIDE**
- 7. REVIEW OPEN SPACE PROVISIONS AND OFF-SET SCHEMES**
- 8. INITIATE A NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM WITH A FOCUS ON PLANNING IN A POST COVID-19 WORLD**

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ADMINISTERING THE ACT

- 1. FULFIL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ACT, INCLUDING MONITORING AND REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM**
- 2. ENSURE SOUND GOVERNANCE OF THE COMMISSION**
- 3. CONTINUALLY IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION, THE SCAP AND THE BUILDING TECHNICAL PANEL IN LINE WITH MINISTERIAL AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

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ENGAGING SOUTH AUSTRALIANS

IN IMPLEMENTING THESE PRIORITIES, THE COMMISSION WILL:

- 1. ENGAGE THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY**
- 2. BUILD ON RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
- 3. IMPROVE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE COMMISSION**



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