



State Planning Commission releases inaugural Performance Indicators Scheme Annual Report on state's planning system

The State Planning Commission has released the first Annual Performance Indicators Scheme (Scheme) Report for 2020-21, which captures the key performance indicators for the state's Planning system for the financial period March – July 2021.

The Scheme—approved under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (PDI Act) — came into full effect in March 2021 with the new state-wide planning system, and is a single data source that enables the monitoring of the planning system's performance over time.

Commission Chair, Helen Dyer said “the Scheme's inaugural report provides crucial insights into emerging trends in planning and development across the state and highlight the improvements the planning system is already beginning to deliver.”

As the planning system was introduced in stages and as recently as March for the state's urban areas, this first report does not draw any concrete conclusions; however, it does provide encouraging early observations and highlights a raft of noteworthy improvements achieved under the ePlanning system, including:

- Greater ability to analyse trends (and why they are developing) and identifying recurring issues which in-turn can be used to improve the system
- 90% of granted consents were assessed within statutory timeframes
- Deemed-to-Satisfy developments account for 15% of total lodgements – an increase from the complying development pathway under the previous *Development Act 1993*
- Average process time for performance assessed applications are markedly lower when compared to the equivalent merit-based assessments under the old system.

For the 2021-22 Report, it is expected that the system's performance indicators will be further refined and analysed as more definitive trends begin to develop and more ideas for system improvement are identified.

Ms Dyer added, “Being able to capture, access, and present data associated with all applications within the planning system is a significant milestone.”

“In addition to facilitating greater transparency and access to data such as the value and types of development and development decisions across the state; the system's performance indicators will be further refined as more key trends begin to develop and help to identify ideas to further improve the system on an ongoing basis.”

The Commission is required to prepare the Performance Indicators Scheme Annual Report every year with the next report due to the Minister by 30 September 2022.

Visit PlanSA to read the [2020-21 report](#) and to learn more about the [Scheme](#).

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