



Agenda Report for Noting

Meeting Date: 4 September 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 KIRP launch date scheduled for 25 November along with all country regional plans (confidential at this stage). Draft letter to KI Council and stakeholders to address the delay and implementation date sent out on 16 July.
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. The three What We Heard Reports have been published on the PlanSA website and YourSAy. The What We Heard Reports and engagement survey were emailed to everyone who made a submission. Data from the survey was compiled by URPS and included in the Section 73 Reports. C&E, the USG planning team and URPS finalised the Section 73 Reports. These were approved at SPC on 21 August. USG plans launch dates scheduled for 25 November along with all country regional plans (confidential at this stage).
South East Regional Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on the Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee Regional Plans concluded on the 17 June 2025. Draft What We Heard Reports produced sent to all submitters on the 28 July. Aurecon, C&E and planning teams currently working on the Section 73 Engagement Report drafts, which will be presented to Commission on 4 September. MMRP and LCRP plans launch dates scheduled for 25 November along with all country regional plans (confidential at this stage).

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 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
<p>SPC & Chair LinkedIn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission’s LinkedIn now has 2,305 followers, up 24 since 21 July. • The Chair’s LinkedIn now has 2, 435 followers, up 72 from 21 July. • Recorded all posts and associated statistics in content management system.
<p>PlanSA Facebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PlanSA Facebook has 7,589 followers as of 25 August.
<p>SPC & PLUS Events</p>	<p><u>Upcoming 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><u>Previous events:</u></p> <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
<p><i>Planning Ahead</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The July edition of Planning Ahead was released on 4 July and featured a farewell to Sally Smith. We are trialling a

Newsletter	<p>new formatting style with shorter articles and links to the full story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next issue of Planning Ahead is scheduled for late August.
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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.
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 plan is with the Minister.
Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment and Infrastructure Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of the new Joint Amendment is expected in late August 2025. • The engagement plan for the joint amendment is in development, with engagement anticipated to launch in September. • Engagement materials to update stakeholders on the infrastructure scheme are included in the engagement plan.
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.
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. • Consultation is pencilled in for late October 2025.
Playford Alive East Code Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation date set for launch on 27 August and will run for 6 weeks. • Engagement plan drafted and approved with code amendment document.

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’ summary is progressing through approvals to send to engagement participants, along with the engagement evaluation survey.
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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