

Far North Regional Plan


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Executive summary

Overview

Between 12 February 2025 and 7 May 2025, the Far North Regional Plan (the Plan) was open for community engagement.

The Plan is one of seven new regional plans for South Australia to be developed in a 100% digital Regional Planning Portal. This will allow for real-time updates which will ensure the plan remains contemporary and provides users easy access to the regional plans via the accessible interface. It is dynamic and interactive.

The Plan addresses key priorities for the Far North, such as promoting economic prosperity, ensuring there is enough housing and preserving the region’s cultural heritage and natural resources. Achieving this vision of sustainable growth and community wellbeing will require a range of responses such as mitigating climate change, providing convenient transport infrastructure, and having diverse housing options.

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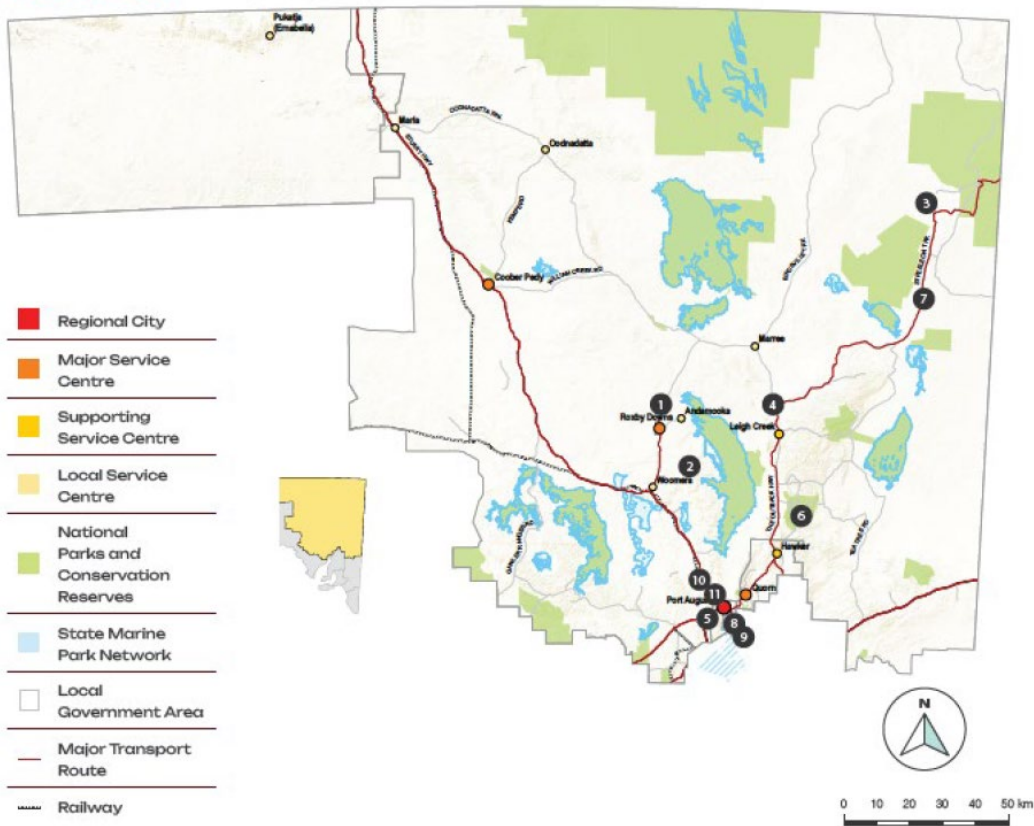


Figure 2: Far North region

Who we heard from

Submissions and survey responses were received from a range of stakeholders and community. We received 57 responses through a range of means including online and hard copy submissions, YourSAy surveys and Easy Read surveys, as shown in Figure 3.

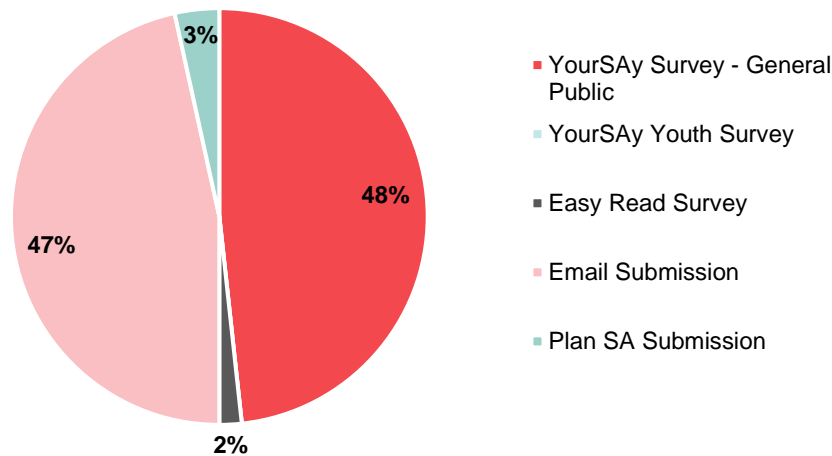


Figure 3: Proportion of responses by feedback method

Many individuals and organisations provided detailed and comprehensive feedback on the Plan, and we are grateful for their contribution.

What we heard

Whilst the feedback received from the survey and submissions covered a diverse range of topics and viewpoints, the key areas of feedback can be categorised under the following five themes of the Plan:

- People, housing and liveability
- Productive economy
- Natural resources, environment and landscapes
- Transport and infrastructure
- Implementation and delivery.

Feedback was well spread across all themes, with 'People, housing and liveability' and 'Transport and infrastructure' as the two most frequently commented on themes.

1 Purpose

This report has been prepared by the Planning and Land Use Services Division of the Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD-PLUS) for consideration by the State Planning Commission to help inform the development of the Far North Regional Plan.

The report has been prepared in accordance with Section 73(7) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) and Part 6 of Practice Direction 2: Preparation and Amendment of a Designated Instrument (Practice Direction 2). The report includes:

- Details of the engagement process undertaken
- A summary of the feedback received
- A response to the feedback including recommended amendments
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of the engagement and whether the principles of the Community Engagement Charter have been achieved.

The report also confirms that engagement has been undertaken in accordance with the Engagement Plan, prepared under part 2(5) of Practice Direction 2 and the Community Engagement Charter.

2 Introduction

2.1 Far North Regional Plan

The Plan is a visionary roadmap for the Far North that provides a guide for planning for the region's residential and employment growth over the next three decades.

It reflects the Government of South Australia's long-term vision for managing sustainable growth and plays a significant role in identifying appropriate land for future housing, employment, and commercial uses, as well as the necessary supporting infrastructure.

The Plan aims to ensure there is an appropriate pipeline of land supply and housing diversity.

In this region, growth is expected to be driven by job creation in resources, renewable energy production, innovative horticultural and agricultural production, and the service, tourism and retail sectors. This in turn is anticipated to be serviced by a steadily increasing permanent population. The planning system must ensure there's enough land in the right places to support employment and housing demand.

The Plan has been drafted with considerable community input following early engagement and visioning workshops.

Statutory engagement in 2025 captured further feedback and assisted in finalising the Plan.

3 Engagement approach

The process for amending a designated instrument (including a Regional Plan) is set out in the Act. The Act requires public engagement to take place in accordance with the Community Engagement Charter.

The designated entity prepared an Engagement Plan to apply the principles of the Community Engagement Charter. Engagement sought to:

- assist in understanding the vision and aspirations of regional communities that will help guide how development is undertaken in the longer-term
- have authentic conversations with leaders within the community, key stakeholders, state agencies and councils who can work to ensure regional plans are delivered on the ground and have a positive and meaningful impact
- raise awareness and build capacity within communities about the planning system to enable them to better participate in the planning of their region
- have broad reach to enable those who are interested to contribute, while also having more targeted conversations creating depth to work through the range of planning issues facing the regions, including social and physical infrastructure
- build on work that has already been undertaken to make sure the findings from previous engagement activities are not lost
- close the loop with stakeholders and communities to inform them of the outcomes of the engagement process, and how they can access the final version/s of regional plans.

The engagement period ran for 12 weeks from 12 February to 7 May 2025.

3.1 Compliance with the engagement plan

Engagement activities were undertaken in accordance with the engagement plan and regularly monitored in line with the Community Engagement Charter.

3.2 Engagement activities

The engagement included preparation of the engagement plan, early engagement (vision and priorities), consultation on the draft Plan, and communicating the final Plan. This Section 73 engagement report focusses on the statutory engagement period (phase 3 consultation on the draft Plan) outlined in the engagement plan.

Phase 1: Preparation of the engagement plan.

Phase 2: Early engagement (vision and priorities). This took place in 2023 and was designed to gather early input from key stakeholders to help inform the future drafting of the Plan.

Engagement activities included direct communication with the Minister for Planning, the Premier of South Australia, and Cabinet to inform them of the regional planning process. Key stakeholders such councils, the Outback Communities Authority, the Local Government Association (LGA), the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Board and local industries such as aged care, disability and youth services were identified for participation in workshops. A dedicated project YourSAy webpage and fact sheet were created to outline the planning process, consultation stages, and how stakeholders could engage. Members of Parliament were also informed about opportunities to participate.

The engagement involved a series of activities, including monthly Planning and Infrastructure Coordination Group meetings to discuss growth area infrastructure, Local Government Regional Planning Committee presentations, and an online visioning workshop with various community groups and industry representatives. State-wide workshops targeted organisations with a broader reach, while an online survey provided a platform for community input from those unable to attend the workshops.

An online visioning workshop was held in mid-2023 and attracted 45 participants. Stakeholders unable to attend the workshops were invited to provide feedback through a survey hosted on the YourSAy platform,

with 15 responses received. The information collected during the workshops and the YourSAy survey have informed the development of the Plan. A [What We Heard report](#) summarising the visioning workshops is available on the PlanSA portal and YourSAy.

To close the loop on the phase 2 early engagement, participants received updates via email, links to a What We Heard engagement summary report, and further communications were conducted as necessary throughout 2023.

A summary of engagement undertaken, and feedback provided during phase 2 engagement are contained in Attachment 3 of this engagement report.

3.2.2 Phase 3: Public-engagement activities

The 12-week public engagement period included set up and delivery of a range of engagement activities to inform community and stakeholders of the Plan objectives and gather feedback.

Activity	Description	Target audience
team	Contact councils to discuss collaboration opportunities. This included options to tap into their events, marketing material (eg EDMs, social media).	Council
YourSAy website and online survey	A dedicated page on the YourSAy website was created as the primary location for the community to find easy to understand information and to submit feedback via a survey. <i>The YourSAy page received 1000 visits during the engagement period.</i> <i>Supporting material documents were downloaded 139 times.</i> <i>28 YourSAy survey submissions were received.</i>	All stakeholders
Regional Planning Portal	The Regional Planning Portal was created as the primary location for the community to view the Plan and easy to understand supporting material. <i>The Regional Planning Portal received 1023 page views from 488 unique users during the engagement period.</i>	All stakeholders
PlanSA website	Information relevant to the Plan were available on the PlanSA website. This included the Plan, visioning workshop report, fact sheet, and the engagement plan, A news article and banner promoting the engagement were also published on the landing page of the PlanSA website. <i>The Plan's PlanSA website pages received 197 views and was visited by 88 people.</i> <i>The news item received 577 views and was visited by 379 people.</i>	All stakeholders
Stakeholder toolkit	Sent to council's communications contacts within the Far North region and key stakeholders such as industry	All stakeholders

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Activity	Description	Target audience
	<p>groups, community groups to help support engagement, increase reach and promote the Plan.</p> <p>The toolkit contained the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DL community flyer - Social media imagery - Community event poster - DL flyer - Newsletter copy. <p><i>In total 13 stakeholders were sent the toolkit.</i></p>	
Stakeholder letter	<p>Advised the commencement of engagement on the draft regional plan and opportunities to get involved.</p> <p>As there was overlap with the stakeholders, a generic letter was sent to government agencies and utilities covering off on all 3 plans.</p> <p><i>In total 15 letters were sent to councils and state MPs. BCC letter was sent to 218. Generic letter was sent to 108.</i></p>	All stakeholders
Emails	<p>Emails were sent to the stakeholders lists to announce engagement was open, alert stakeholders to online and in person information sessions as well as alert to last chance to have their say.</p> <p>Each time an email was sent to stakeholders it was sent to 207 contacts.</p>	All stakeholders
Fact sheet	<p>A plain English fact sheet was developed and published on the YourSAy and PlanSA websites to help interested community understand the Plan and its proposed actions.</p> <p><i>The fact sheet was downloaded 12 times from the YourSAy website during the consultation period.</i></p>	All audiences, with a focus on interested community.
FAQs	<p>Plain English FAQs were developed and published on the YourSAy and PlanSA websites to help interested community understand the Plan and its proposed actions.</p> <p><i>The FAQs were downloaded 15 times from the YourSAy website during the consultation period.</i></p>	All audiences, with a focus on interested community.
Easy Read Guide and Survey	<p>An Easy Read guide and Easy Read survey were developed to address inclusivity and accessible material to address the Engagement Charter.</p> <p><i>The Easy Ready guide was downloaded 9 times from the YourSAy website during the consultation period.</i></p>	All stakeholders in particular people living with disability, CALD.

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Activity	Description	Target audience
	<p><i>The Easy Ready survey was downloaded 10 times from the YourSAy website during the consultation period.</i></p>	
<p>In person community information sessions</p>	<p>One in person community information session was held to promote the draft Plan and provide community with one-on-one access with regional planning team members and SPC to discuss the Plan and answer any questions. The session was advertised via promotional material with the support of council, and registrations were through Eventbrite.</p> <p>The community information session was supported with information display boards and printed handouts (see Attachment 4).</p> <p>The event was held in Port Augusta on 18/03/2025 at 11am and 3pm.</p> <p>There were 12 attendees.</p>	<p>Community</p>
<p>Online community information sessions</p>	<p>Delivered an online community information session to promote the draft Plan. The session was advertised via boosted social media, DL flyers, community posters, with the support of council and community groups. Registration was through Eventbrite.</p> <p>The youth information session was also promoted with an email sent to 63 schools and youth organisations in the regions were sent registration details as well as a social media post to share with their networks.</p> <p>The online events were held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/3/2025 (youth): 1 attendee • 9/4/2025: 10 attendees <p>An email was sent to all of those that registered and attended to acknowledge their involvement, as well as a link to the YourSAy survey.</p>	<p>Community</p>
<p>Eventbrite</p>	<p>The engagement and information sessions were promoted via the Eventbrite website, which included sending email notification to all people who follow the PlanSA Eventbrite profile.</p> <p><i>The event pages received 596 page views during the engagement period.</i></p>	<p>Community</p>
<p>Newsletter article</p>	<p>Articles outlining the Plan were featured in Planning Ahead in the February and April 2025 editions.</p> <p><i>The February article was sent to 2759 recipients and was opened by 1868 people.</i></p> <p><i>The April article was sent to 2837 recipients and was opened by 1933 people.</i></p>	<p>All stakeholders</p>

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Media	<p>A ministerial media release was distributed to regional media on 12 February 2025.</p> <p>The State Planning Commission Chair and the Minister for Planning were made available for media requests.</p> <p><i>Direct pitches to regional media resulted in 3 interviews on ABC regional radio.</i></p> <p><i>Media coverage consisted of 40 media items across print, radio and online - achieving an audience reach of 1,270,000 across the 12-week engagement period.</i></p> <p>See Attachment 4 for the full media report.</p>	All stakeholders
Social media	<p>Social media campaign was utilised during the engagement period.</p> <p>Organic posts were supported by boosted posts, as well as a \$600 like campaign to increase followers during the engagement period.</p> <p>The following social media channels were used to promote public consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PlanSA Facebook - SPC LinkedIn - YourSAy Facebook. <p>Examples of the posts are featured in Attachment 4.</p> <p>A total of 21 posts were published. During the engagement period the PlanSA Facebook page reached 273,000 users and received 6237 link clicks and attracted 982 new followers.</p>	All stakeholders
Advertising	<p>Four print ads for opening of consultation and 7 ads towards the end of consultation.</p>	All stakeholders
Internal comms	<p>NeighbourHUD article which received 27 clicks and 72 intranet views.</p> <p>Email from Sal to all staff.</p>	Staff
SPC video	<p>SPC Chair Craig Holden did a piece to camera to open consultation to the Plan. This was housed on PlanSA YouTube and the Regional Planning Portal.</p> <p>The video was viewed 11 times.</p>	All stakeholders
Stakeholder support	<p>Collateral from the stakeholder toolkit was used by stakeholders to promote the Plan's engagement in public spaces.</p> <p>Emails were sent to councils, stakeholders, council comms to share dates and information on the road trips, online information sessions, youth information session,</p>	Community Councils

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	<p>last chance to have your say.</p> <p>Support organised by the comms and engagement team included sharing social media posts and article in newsletters.</p> <p>Examples are featured in Appendix 4.</p>	
Stakeholder briefings	<p>Delivered four online briefings to promote the draft Plan. Additional briefings were also provided on request.</p> <p>Briefing sessions conducted during engagement: Pre-engagement briefing session for council practitioners: 4 attendees. Elected members: 6 attendees. Industry: 13 attendees Community groups: 5 attendees State agencies: 77 attendees</p> <p><i>In total 105 key stakeholders attended online briefing sessions.</i></p> <p>Additional briefing sessions conducted upon request to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outback Communities Authority Board meeting on 25/02/2025 <p>A follow up email was sent to all invited attendees and invite recipients regardless of whether or not they attended with a copy of the presentation and links to the plan and the YourSAy page.</p>	Peak Industry Bodies, Peak Planning bodies, Utilities, State Government Agencies. - Progress Community and Business Associations, RDA Board, LGA Board, Council, community
Council workshop	<p>Delivered an online workshop to provide information about the technical aspects of the plan, general information regarding public consultation.</p> <p>Pre-engagement briefing session for council practitioners: 4 attendees</p>	<p>Council practitioners from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Port Augusta •Flinders Ranges •Roxby Downs •Coober Pedy
First Nations engagement	<p>Established ongoing working relationships and partnerships with key representatives from Aboriginal State Government Agencies, Corporations and First Nations groups.</p> <p>Delivered a briefing to Aboriginal Corporations, State Agencies and Industry Groups to introduce the Regional Planning Program.</p> <p>Correspondence to First Nations Groups to introduce the Program, providing a link to YourSAy and offering an online presentation of the Regional Planning program.</p>	State Agencies Aboriginal Leaders First Nations groups
Youth engagement	<p>Emails were sent to all schools in the region to advise of the online information session held on 27 March 2025. Initially five registrations but only one attended.</p>	Youth groups including Youth Advisory Committee/council

Activity	Description	Target audience
		and Youth Affairs Council of SA. Local primary and high schools.
Ongoing meetings and communication as required	Ongoing face to face/online meetings to gather information and provide updates.	Council, Agencies, RDA, LGA etc
Email and telephone enquiries.	The PlanSA contact details were provided throughout the engagement period and the public and stakeholders were invited to make contact if they had enquired or wished to set up a meeting to discuss the proposal. The service desk was fully briefed to assist people in obtaining further information or to speak with a project team. <i>A total of 2 email enquiries and 1 phone enquiry were handled during the engagement period.</i>	All stakeholders

3.2.3 Phase 3: What we heard and close the loop.

The final phase of engagement included a What We Heard Report as well as an engagement summary report, highlighting the feedback received during the engagement period.

Activity	Description	Target audience
What We Heard Report	Prepared a What We Heard Report that outlines the key themes of feedback received.	All
Engagement summary report	Prepare a report that summarises engagement undertaken, and key themes of feedback received via different engagement methods (survey, submissions, meetings). (This report)	All
Close the loop messaging	Updated the project web page and send an email to participants with a link to the Engagement Summary Report and a What We Heard Report. Communicate any decisions that have arisen from the engagement period and the next steps.	All

3.2 Mandatory requirements

The following requirements were required to be completed as part of the statutory engagement on the Plan, they were also completed as part of this engagement process.

1. Notice and engagement with council/s

The Community Engagement Charter requires that, a council or councils must be directly notified and consulted, where a proposal is relevant to a particular Council or Councils (and where the council did not initiate the proposal).

The Mayor and Chief Executive of Council's located in Far North were notified via a letter. This included:

- Port Augusta City Council
- The Flinders Ranges Council
- District Council of Coober Pedy
- Municipal Council of Roxby Downs.

2. Notice and engagement with the Local Government Association

The Community Engagement Charter requires that, the Local Government Association must be notified in writing and consulted, where the proposed Regional Plan is generally relevant to councils.

As the Plan is relevant to all councils in the Far North region, the Local Government Association was directly notified and consulted.

4 Engagement outcomes

The following section summarises feedback received through the activities described in section 3. It is important to note that participants could provide their feedback through more than one activity, for example an online survey and a written submission. All submissions received can be viewed in Attachment 2 of this document.

4.1 Written submissions

28 written submissions were received from a range of different parts of the community, including members of the public, community groups, industry bodies, non-government organisations, councils and state agencies. The following sections summarise these submissions.

4.1.1 Members of the public

During the engagement period, two submissions were received from members of the public. These are summarised below:

- One submission focused on housing, suggesting the Plan should address the design of housing to suit the local environment and advocate for more social housing.
- Another submission voiced strong opposition to the Nonowie Wind Farm, citing concerns regarding potential harm to food-producing landscapes, and contribution to climate change. The submission advocates for urban-based renewable solutions (e.g. rooftop solar) as a less impactful alternative.

4.1.2 Community groups

The below summarises written submissions received from community groups.

Community groups	
Port Augusta Coastal Homes Association Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to be included in the stakeholder list of community groups to be consulted and informed. • Notes the Association's frequent interactions with SA Arid Lands Landscape Board on weed management and water quality.

4.1.3 Industry bodies

The below summarises written submissions received from industry bodies.

Industry	
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) / The Australian Mining Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends including more detail on the current, historical and projected future value of mining in the region. Seeks the inclusion of all operating and approved mining projects. • Advocates for development of a 'Water for Mining' plan and supports the Northern Water desalination project and addressing water constraints in the Curnamona area.

Industry	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests including infrastructure corridors and prioritising road, rail, and port upgrades, especially a new port at Port Augusta. Supports third-party access to privately owned infrastructure.
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes critical gaps in environmental and green infrastructure planning, and proposes stronger integration of landscape architecture, climate resilience, and First Nations engagement. • Suggests encouraging housing innovation (e.g. prefabrication), protecting heritage, and responding to climate through building design. • Recommends applying green infrastructure, water-sensitive design, and passive cooling in settlement planning. • Supports environmental rehabilitation, upfront green infrastructure, and connected biodiversity corridors in both urban and industrial developments.
Council on the Ageing SA (COTA SA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends committing to measurable social and affordable housing targets and promoting accessible and age-inclusive housing models including retirement living, Build-to-Rent and co-housing. • Seeks to ensure land use and infrastructure supports a care workforce and aligns with national aged care reforms, including the Support at Home program. • Suggests zoning land for the growth of essential service industries (health, aged care and social support) in key townships. • Recommends investing in accessible and flexible transport solutions, including public, community and active transport. • Advocates for improved digital inclusion in regional areas through infrastructure investment and structured programs. • Supports climate-resilient housing design, including retrofitting programs. • Recommends integrating the needs of older people into climate adaptation and hazard planning including the expansion of tree canopy and shaded public infrastructure.
Grain Producers SA (GPSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks to protect grain-producing land from urban and industrial expansion. Notes that the region contains key pockets of productive agricultural land that must be preserved. • Suggests review of the High Productivity Vehicle Network (HPVN) as it relates to grain freight routes (such as the Stuart Highway) • Recommends including specific commitments to safeguarding and enhancing water infrastructure for agricultural use, particularly as part of the Northern Water project. • Encourages mapping of Primary Production Priority Areas (PPPAs)
South Australian Chamber of Mines and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends safeguarding key resource areas and associated infrastructure (e.g., transport corridors, pipelines) from incompatible development.

Industry	
Energy (SACOME)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates for the prioritisation of infrastructure corridors to support expedited development and maintenance of critical infrastructure, particularly key freight routes to export markets. • Encourages continued investment in regional freight routes to support export connectivity. • Emphasises the need for adequate housing and services to attract and retain regional workforces near major projects.

4.1.4 Non-government organisations

The below summarises written submissions received from non-government organisations.

Non-government organisation	
Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) SA/NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that access to safe, secure and affordable housing is a critical enabler in recruiting and retaining essential personnel in remote communities. • Supports investment in upgrades to regional airstrips to enable 24/7 accessibility and in all weather conditions. Encourages provision of Patient Transfer Facilities in future regional centre airport developments. • Recommends the ongoing quality improvement of remote roads. • Notes that telecommunications and essential services such as water and reliable electricity underpin healthcare delivery. Access stable internet infrastructure increasingly important. • Supports design considerations for all new or upgraded public spaces that accommodate the vital role of health promotion, education and community cohesion in long term wellbeing.
SA Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that the region faces significant water security challenges, particularly for small towns and remote First Nations communities. Notes that many small towns rely on localised, small-scale water solutions, including groundwater desalination for drinking water. • Supports an adaptive planning approach that includes investigations into wastewater solutions and suggests that consideration must be given to wastewater requirements when planning water supply for growth areas. • Recommends further collaboration to address the unique challenges of supplying water to areas not served by River Murray Water, especially where tourism is a key local industry. • Supportive of collaboration with planning bodies to centralise demand projections for more informed, timely, and integrated planning decisions. • Emphasises the need for cost-sharing between developers, government, and customers, with regulatory approval required for SA Water-funded growth investments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights the need to plan for peak seasonal demand and promote water-efficient, sustainable developments. • Endorses coordinated planning between land use and water infrastructure, and alignment of Regional Plan reviews with water security strategies. • Acknowledges the compounding effects of climate change and urban growth on ecosystems and water availability and supports infrastructure that withstands climate variability and ensures reliable, affordable supply.
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4.1.5 Councils

The below summarises written submissions received from councils.

Councils	
District Council of Coober Pedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks for the Plan to include a focus on reducing the number of vacant houses and houses in disrepair before the focus on the development of new sites. (Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs are experiencing the same issue).
Outback Communities Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests recognising that data collection methods in remote areas are challenged particularly for Aboriginal communities and underrepresented groups. • Recommends exploring and supporting alternative and affordable construction methods such as prefabricated and modular housing to increase diversity and supply. • Seeks to promote innovative, cost-effective infrastructure solutions (e.g., renewable energy, independent water systems, communications) for remote housing and commercial developments. • Recommends identification and prioritisation of township-level structure planning for targeted settlements to guide future growth, service delivery, and investment. • Suggests identifying opportunities to improve access to affordable, reliable internet across Outback communities and promoting digital inclusion as an equity measure. • Recommends identification and prioritisation for upgrading and sealing the roads/tracks and airstrips to ensure safe, all-weather 24/7 accessibility. • Suggests recognising the demand for authentic experiences and ensure tourism strategies are community-led, respectful, and aligned with Aboriginal knowledge, traditions, and connection to Country.

4.1.6 State and Commonwealth agencies/bodies

The below summarises written submissions received from state and commonwealth agencies.

State government	
Coast Protection Board / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urges for coastal hazard adaptation infrastructure to be considered critical within the 'Infrastructure Corridors and Reserves' section to support integrated planning and land allocation for future protection measures. Notes this is consistent with the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan. • Seeks to ensure new developments, especially greenfield sites near Marine Parks, minimise marine pollution through water sensitive urban design and effective stormwater treatment and reuse. • Highlights the need to ensure coastal-sensitive siting and design of key infrastructure (e.g. energy, water) to reduce impacts on marine and coastal environments, alongside protecting industries from incompatible uses. • Recommends preventing developers from using coastal public land to meet private open space requirements and encouraging on-site solutions for stormwater management and urban cooling.
Department of Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests continued engagement between the state government and defence, particularly in relation to integrated land use and infrastructure planning to supports various industry sectors.
Department for Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes no identified planning, capacity or transport concerns in relation to the provision of, and access to, education and care facilities in the region.
Department for Energy and Mining (DEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of the consistent long-term strategic objectives across the plans, particularly those related to mineral and energy resources and infrastructure. • Highlights the lack of specific outcomes for remote and very remote communities not connected to existing infrastructure. • Recommend a coordinated, cross-government planning approach involving agencies like Aboriginal Affairs, SA Water, Housing SA, and the Outback Communities Authority. • Suggest updates to reflect current mining operations and BHP's integrated copper strategy. • Recommends including references to the Remote Areas Energy Scheme (RAES) and off-grid communities, suggesting there is an opportunity to provide guidance on off-grid energy solutions.
Department for Environment and Water (DEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the use of 'development-ready' is concerning and may create issues if native vegetation is present and clearance applications result in refusals or expensive offset requirements. • Suggests that it is critical that SPPs (State Planning Policies), Regional Plans and the Planning and Design Code are robust in addressing climate-related risks as DEW is not involved in the assessment process. Highlights the need to be consistent with the state's emissions reduction and climate-resilience goals. • Recommends providing specific details on future opportunities to be investigated to meet the needs of climate-resilient planning and consider the introduction of sustainability standards to new development.

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of Biodiversity Mapping and Coastal Processes and Hazard Mapping Actions. • Suggests that future township growth should prioritise managing stormwater impacts on nearby marine environments using water sensitive urban design and stormwater reuse.
Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports strengthening connectivity for major centres, smaller centres and remote townships, the intent to increase employment opportunities and the expansion of public and active transport networks within key population centres. • Highlights the importance of protecting identified transport and infrastructure focussed corridors. • Notes that increased freight movements are putting pressure on both State and Council roads in the region. • Suggests that structure planning for the future growth of key townships should be undertaken prior to any rezoning of land for residential purposes.
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that mineral exploration and renewable energy projects will generate demand for employment and subsequent housing, from Port Augusta to Moomba. • Support for maintaining buffer zones between sensitive uses and industrial activities, including the Interface Management Overlay. Notes the current challenges and is conscious of the need to protect lawfully operating industries from encroachment. • Suggests collaboration with the EPA to finalise the Interface Management Code Amendment to safeguard environmental health. • Notes preference for communal wastewater systems over individual on-site systems and supports stormwater reuse and water sensitive urban design. • Recommends strategic planning to support waste and resource recovery infrastructure and promoting systems that enable waste minimisation and circular economy development. • Recommends inclusion of a new action to ensure development reduces greenhouse gas emissions and updating policy language to reflect South Australia's climate targets. • Supportive of the approach to contamination assessment and remediation and emphasise the compliance with EPA guidelines and national standards.
Green Industries SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the inclusion of circular economy and waste management principles in the Regional Plans and seeks to collaborate further with Plan SA to refine and implement these strategies. • Recommends updating language around waste export restrictions to better reflect broader drivers of investment in recycling and reuse and emphasises the need for land allocation to support local circular economies. • Highlights the value of adaptive reuse of buildings and materials as a circular economy strategy that supports emissions reduction and aligns with national and state policy frameworks.

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stresses that Energy from Waste it should be a last resort in the waste hierarchy and that outputs should ideally be reintegrated into productive use (e.g., composting digestate). • Notes the potential of biomass energy but cautions that nutrient and carbon recovery should be prioritised over energy-only uses. • Supportive of the focus on climate resilience and disaster risk reduction and offers expertise and resources.
<p>Native Vegetation Council / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends aligning Regional Plans with those mandated under the Landscape South Australia Act (e.g. State Landscape Strategy, regional landscape plans) • Suggests clarifying all required approvals for developments including consent for native vegetation clearance. • Suggests implementing recommendations from the 'Final Report and Recommendations 2023 of the Expert Panel for the Planning System Implementation Review' regarding tree protection. • Recommends further research to identify plant species suited to future climate conditions and notes that native plants, shrubs and trees should be prioritised in references to greening, tree planting, and green infrastructure. • Notes the importance of up-to-date hazard overlays and vegetation mapping and advocates for biodiversity and habitat mapping to be finalised before rezoning to ensure ecological values are fully considered. Recommends including expanded biodiversity and restoration layers in collaboration with DEW. • Suggestion to consider Heritage Agreements when discussing areas of environmental significance.
<p>Office for Design and Architecture SA (ODASA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests placing stronger emphasis on high-quality design as a core planning principle, aligned with the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act. • Recommends integrating the six Principles of Good Design (context, inclusivity, durability, value, performance, and sustainability) into all aspects of the plan to ensure long-term, high-quality outcomes for communities and the built environment. • Recommends embedding design principles into housing and public space to promote the use of State and Local Design review programs. • Advocates for setting measurable targets, protecting native vegetation and incorporating urban greening strategies.
<p>Premier's Climate Change Council / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks commitment to specific actions including additional climate hazard data and mapping, identification of Code Amendments to support climate objectives, sustainability standards and guidance, raising developer and consumer awareness of climate ready homes and development of a biodiversity overlay. • Recommends clarifying and strengthening objectives for climate change through alignment with language used in state government policies.

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests including a strategic objective in relation to ‘living locally’ for regional centres to provide guidance, including targets where practical, for greening and tree canopy cover. • Recommends developing a regional urban green strategy similar to that developed for metropolitan Adelaide.
Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the inclusion of a public Implementation Plan and recommends adding actions to all sub-themes to ensure clarity, accountability, and effective monitoring. • Recommends aligning the Far North Regional Plan with the forthcoming Port Augusta Infrastructure for Growth Strategy to ensure cohesive planning and investment prioritisation. • Advocates for a region-specific circular economy strategy to reduce waste, improve efficiency, and build local economic resilience, suggesting RDA Far North could lead such a project with appropriate funding. • Calls for a regional transport plan and supports development of intermodal and livestock transshipping facilities to leverage Port Augusta’s strategic location and boost regional industry. • Notes the urgent need to address the shortage and poor quality of housing, recommending planning reforms to lower renovation and infill costs and support workforce retention. • Urges the development of a structure plan for Port Augusta to manage uncoordinated land division and infrastructure gaps, cautioning against solutions that could further increase development costs in the region.
Renewal SA / Office for Regional Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the key barrier for residential development is not zoning, but lack of infrastructure, which often renders development financially unfeasible. • Recommends the exploration of fixed infrastructure charges at commercially viable levels in regional South Australia. • Supports the proposed rezoning in Quorn. It is noted that there is ample supply of Rural Living currently and key growth opportunities associated with proximity to Port Augusta and the Flinders Ranges region.
State Aboriginal Heritage Committee /Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation /Attorney-General’s Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek that the Plan acknowledge by name the cultural groups whose lands are encompassed by the region in question. • Recommends that the Plan includes a narrative similar to the GARP (Greater Adelaide Regional Plan) that encapsulates the historic association of the Traditional Owners of the region to their Land and provides a brief history of the impacts of colonisation. • Provides the following considerations for engagement with Aboriginal people in planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Past practices of displacement may mean people do not reside on their Traditional Land and therefore Aboriginal people who speak for Country can fail to be scoped into the consultation.

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Promotion on internet platforms often does not reach Aboriginal people, particularly Elders. • Supports the development of a guideline to require and inform engagement with Traditional Owners on Code Amendments but questions the suggested timeframes to achieve this outcome. • Suggests including a requirement for ‘early engagement’ with Aboriginal people and further investigations to occur prior to any rezonings within these growth areas. • Recommends that information be made available regarding examples of landscape features that indicate likelihood of Aboriginal sites and/or contain evidence of Aboriginal occupation. • Requests consistency of terminology and terms be explained in more detail in order to be meaningful and implemented.
<p>South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends that biodiversity data is incorporated as part of the digitised Regional Planning portal. • Suggests linking to water allocation plans to provide clarity on how secure, equitable and reliable water resourcing will be achieved. • Suggests that the plan references current and proposed schemes under the Native Vegetation Act or forthcoming Biodiversity Act. • Recommends the inclusion of climate and biodiversity sensitive design as a priority/outcome in the Plan (e.g. Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), urban greening and cooling) due to greater extremes in climate and higher temperatures.
<p>South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of the long-term objectives relating to tourism and events. These strategic objectives generally align with the SA Visitor Economy Sector Plan and the Regional Visitor Strategy • The draft FNRP does not contain any actions that seek to facilitate new tourism development opportunities. Notwithstanding this, the following action is included within the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (the ‘GARP’): <i>‘Undertake a Code Amendment to facilitate appropriate tourism development within wine regions and protect valued landscape character.’</i> • The SATC is supportive of the above action. However, as stated within our submission on the GARP, this action should be complemented by additional actions which apply outside of Greater Adelaide, and in this case, to the Far North Region. • It is acknowledged such would be consistent with the intent of the Tourism Development Code Amendment, noting that the Affected Area for this Code Amendment comprises areas subject to the Rural Zone and Tourism Development Zone which apply within the Far North Region • Recommendation: Include an action within the FNRP that relates to the Tourism Development Code Amendment, such as:

State government	
	<p><i>‘Undertake a Code Amendment to facilitate appropriate tourism development within the regions, whilst protecting valued landscape character’.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATC support the action to <i>‘investigate amendments to the Planning and Design Code to facilitate worker’s accommodation in regional area</i> • <i>Recommendation: Identify future tourism areas within the FNRP (or future iterations of the FNRP</i> • <i>Recommendation: Update the tourism data to reflect the data captured within the Visit to Regions Report</i>

4.2 Survey responses

A number of responses were received through survey methods including the YourSAy general survey and easy read surveys. Youth survey options were also available, however no responses were received for this survey type.

Overall, 29 people provided survey responses. The YourSAy survey was the most common way that people provided feedback, with 28 responses. There was one easy read survey response.

The highest volume of survey responses received was from the 55-64 and 65-74 age cohorts, accounting for 66% of survey responses (11 and 8 participants respectively) as shown in Figure 3. Most respondents indicated that they lived or owned property in the Far North region.

What is your age? - all survey types

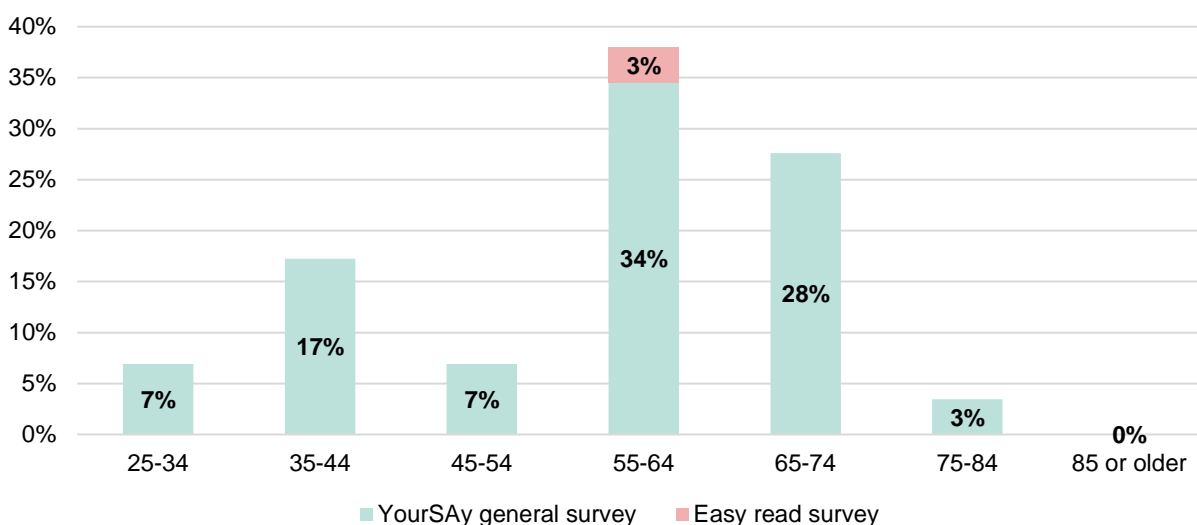


Figure 3: Age of survey respondents (all survey types)

4.2.1 Ranking the five themes

Participants across all survey types were asked to rank five themes, from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important). The themes were:

- People, housing and liveability
- Productive economy
- Natural resources, environment and landscapes
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Implementation and delivery

The theme that was ranked as most important (1) by the highest number of respondents (41%) was ‘People, housing and liveability’, followed by ‘Natural resources, environment and landscapes’ (24% of respondents each). ‘Implementation and delivery’ was the most likely to be ranked least important (5), selected by 52% of respondents, as shown in Figure 4.

Ranked themes - all survey types

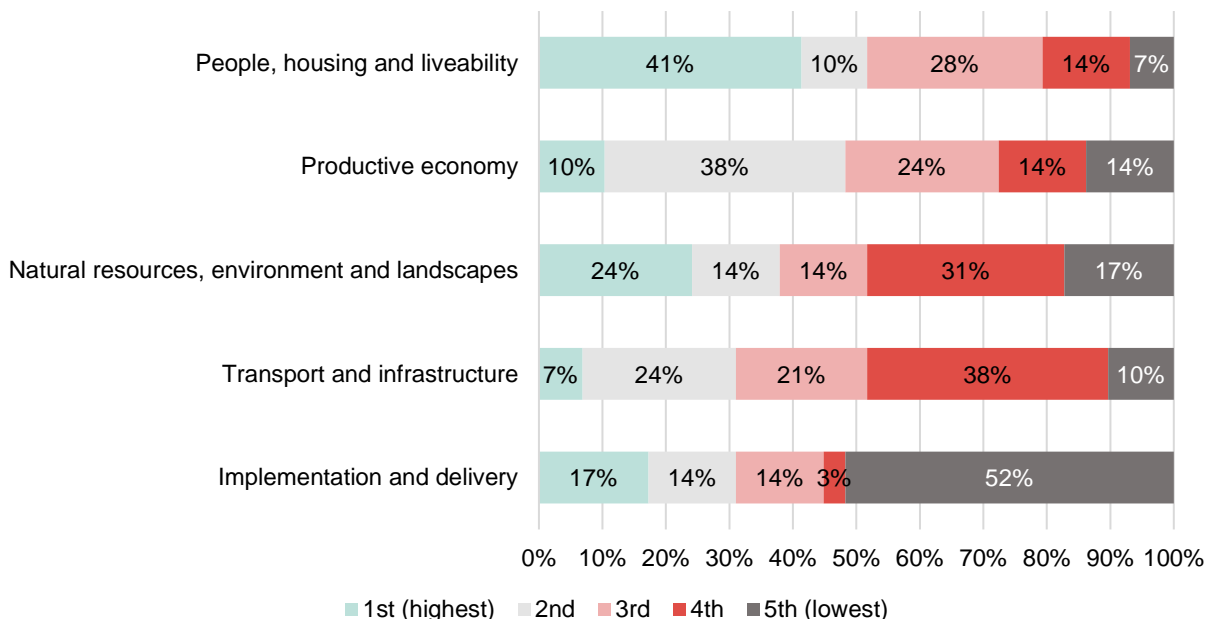


Figure 4: Ranked themes (all survey types)

4.3 YourSAy general survey

Respondents to the YourSAy general survey were asked to evaluate each of the five survey themes in more depth by ranking associated sub-themes. Results are displayed in the following sections.

Data analysis

The survey analysis is intended to primarily offer a high-level summary of key themes to provide a general understanding of the feedback received. It will not necessarily capture or report every individual comment or issue raised.

4.3.1 People housing and liveability

Respondents were asked to select two out of a possible four statements that were most important to them when considering people, housing, and liveability.

The majority (71%) selected *“The Far North has a diverse and affordable housing supply that meets the needs of its community”*. The second most popular choice, selected by 39% of respondents, was *“Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Heritage places and areas are protected for the benefit of current and future generations”*.

Which two of the following statements are most important to you when considering **people, housing and liveability** across the Far North?

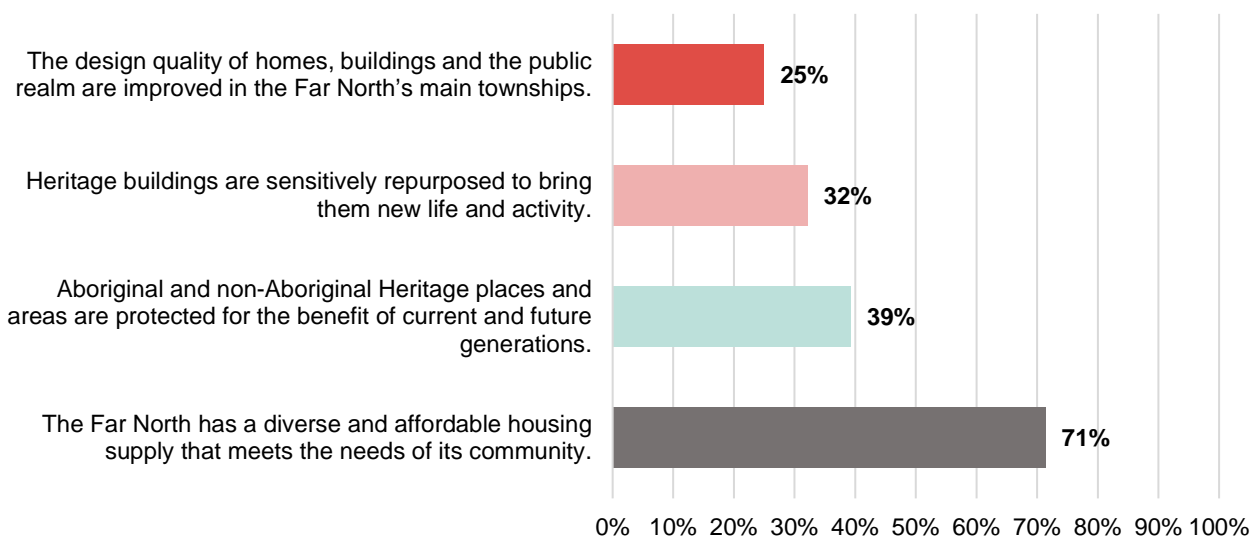


Figure 5: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering people, housing and liveability

Respondents could provide comments related to people, housing and liveability. The top themes that arose included:

Housing availability and suitability

- Respondents felt that much of the current housing stock is unsuitable and does not meet the standards required to attract essential workers such as teachers, police, nurses. There were suggestions for investment in modern, secure, and climate-appropriate housing to attract and retain essential workers.

Affordability and cost of living

- High costs of living, including rent, utilities, and council rates, were raised as a concern for respondents. This is further compounded by the need to travel long distances for basic services, shopping, and medical appointments, especially from remote towns.

Infrastructure and services

- Increased demand on infrastructure, such as roads, waste collection, power, and internet, was highlighted in some locations with growing populations. Respondents noted that these shifts are not reflected in planning or population data, resulting in a potential for underinvestment. There were also concerns about the lack of transport options, health services, and the withdrawal of essential services such as banks, aged care and specialists.

Planning restrictions

- A number of respondents noted confusion with planning and development processes, particularly around zoning restrictions and native vegetation regulations. There were calls for clearer communication, more flexible zoning (such as allowing development in rural living or industrial zones), and better support for those trying to build or renovate homes.

Social and community needs

- Respondents highlighted the desire for more social housing, especially that meets the needs of single-person households and aging populations. The importance of culturally appropriate housing and services for Aboriginal communities, including language and education programs was also raised.

Location specific feedback

- Coober Pedy: Respondents suggested there was a surplus of housing that is in poor condition, a lack of services, and high costs of living. Some suggested the need for better government housing and support.
- Port Augusta: Respondents highlighted infrastructure strains due to a growing permanent population on Shack Road, where dwellings were previously holiday homes. A lack of planning response to this shift was noted.
- Quorn: Respondents suggested that the current housing shortage is limiting economic potential, with the township unable to meet demand from people wishing to live in Quorn and commute to Port Augusta for work.
- Port Paterson: A landowner has had their development blocked due to native vegetation regulations, suggesting these rules were not communicated when the land was purchased.
- Leigh Creek: Respondents feel that the living standards are declining following the mine closure and home demolitions.

4.3.2 Productive economy

Respondents were asked to select four out of a possible six statements that were most important to them when considering the Far North's productive economy. The majority (79%) selected *"New rural and tourism development should be boosted to promote regional economic growth"*. The second most popular choice, selected by 61% of respondents, was *"Strategically planned land supply is essential for economic growth, supporting both current and future industries"*.

Which four of the following statements are most important to you when considering Far North’s **productive economy**?

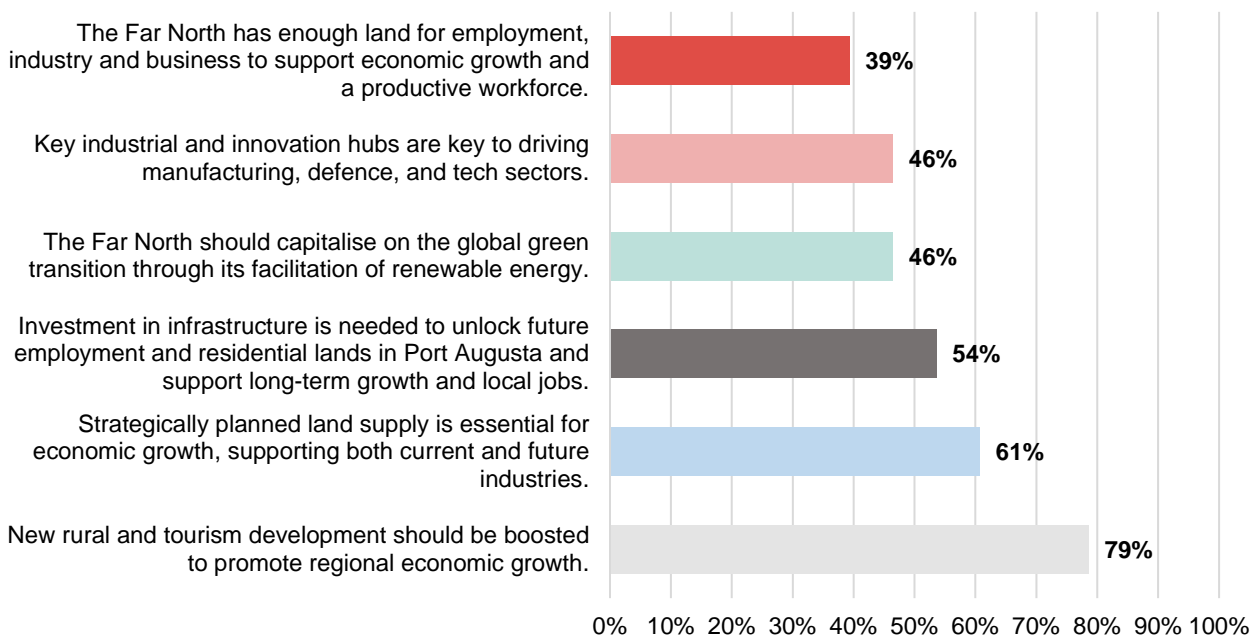


Figure 6: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering productive economy

Respondents could provide comments related to a productive economy. The top themes that arose included:

Tourism and regional promotion

- Tourism is seen as a key economic driver for the Far North, particularly in Coober Pedy and Port Augusta. Respondents emphasised the need to promote the region’s unique desert landscapes, mining history, and recreational fishing opportunities. Some respondents suggested that areas like the Barossa and Flinders Ranges attract more focus, and as a result this neglects the outback experience that attracts international visitors.

Infrastructure and services

- A recurring theme was the inadequacy of infrastructure to support economic growth. Respondents highlighted the need for road upgrades and maintenance, improved water quality and security, better medical and emergency services, including hospital upgrades and more staff, reliable telecommunications, and airport upgrades.

Mining, energy, and environmental concerns

- While mining and renewable energy are acknowledged as economic opportunities, there was concern among respondents about their environmental and social impacts. Respondents called for environmental restoration obligations for mining companies and greater accountability from large corporations in supporting local infrastructure and services. Some respondents expressed opposition to renewable energy developments in Residential or Rural Living Zones.

Local economic benefits

- There was a desire among respondents for future economic development to benefit local communities. Respondents stressed the importance of reinvesting profits into the region, supporting Aboriginal culture, heritage, and environmental protection, providing more employment opportunities

for young people and locals. Offering tax relief or subsidies for remote residents who lack access to public transport was also suggested.

Location specific feedback

- Coober Pedy: Respondents highlighted the need for tourism promotion, airport and emergency service upgrades, and support for local businesses. Some raised concerns about crime, social issues, and lack of government support.
- Port Augusta: Respondents criticised current retail options, lack of public workforce, and underinvestment in infrastructure.
- Quorn: Some noted the need for improved water quality and infrastructure to attract residents and support economic growth.
- Port Paterson: Concerns about dust, industrial development, and lack of community consultation for the Augusta battery energy storage system (BESS) project.
- Roxby Downs: Calls for BHP to support the town’s infrastructure and services.

4.3.3 Natural resources, environment and landscapes

Respondents were asked to select four out of a possible five statements that were most important to them when considering the Far North’s natural resources, the environment, and landscapes. The majority (82%) selected “Ensure the Far North’s water supply is able to support the needs of current and future generations”. The second most popular choice, selected by 75% of respondents, was “Maintain and enhance native vegetation and biodiversity across the Far North”.

Which four of the following statements are most important to you when considering the Far North’s **natural resources, environment and landscapes**?

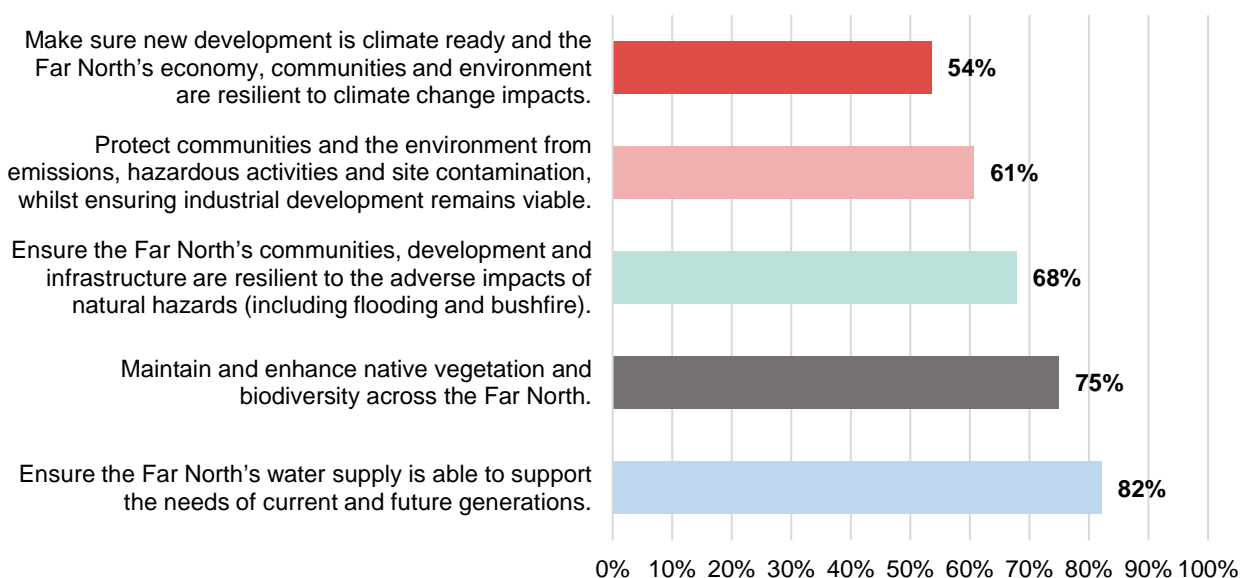


Figure 7: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering natural resources, environment and landscapes.

Respondents could provide comments related to natural resources, environment, and landscapes. The top themes that arose included:

Environmental protection and accountability

- A number of respondents suggested there needs to be stricter environmental protection and accountability from mining and industrial developers. Respondents expressed concern about pollution and contamination, particularly in relation to fracking, and mining near sensitive areas like Lake Torrens and the Great Artesian Basin.

Water quality and marine health

- Respondents saw water as critical issue for both environmental and community sustainability. Several submissions highlighted issues with water quality, citing untreated sewage discharge and lack of testing. Concerns were raised about the long-term availability of water in the region and the potential impacts of desalination and nuclear projects.

Waste management and pollution

- Illegal dumping and inadequate recycling services were raised as key issues, particularly around Port Augusta and along rural roads. High fees at waste facilities were seen as a deterrent to proper disposal. Residents of Port Augusta expressed frustration at the lack of recycling collection despite being environmentally conscious. There were calls for education, better waste infrastructure, and regular recycling services to reduce landfill and improve environmental outcomes.

Renewable energy and land use

- Opinions on renewable energy were mixed. While some supported energy-efficient housing and green initiatives, others were skeptical about wind and solar for their limited lifespan, visual impact, and perceived ineffectiveness. Concerns were raised about renewable energy projects being placed in Rural Living Zones without proper consultation. Respondents emphasised the need to balance energy development with community wellbeing and environmental preservation.

Location specific feedback

- Port Augusta: Concerns about pollution in the Upper Spencer Gulf and a lack of recycling services along Shack Road residential area.
- Coober Pedy: Opposition to fracking due to risks to underground homes and the town's role as a gateway to the outback.
- Lake Torrens: Opposition to mining near Oak Dam due to potential environmental damage to a significant natural area.
- Mount Eba (Stuart Highway): Proposal to upgrade the RFDS emergency landing strip with signage, lighting, and safety infrastructure.
- Port Paterson: Concerns about the Augusta BESS battery project impacting residential amenity and landscape quality.

4.3.4 Transport and infrastructure

Respondents were asked to select two out of a possible three statements that were most important to them when considering transport and infrastructure in the Far North.

The majority (64%) selected *"Integrate land use policies with infrastructure, service and facilities so that communities and businesses are safe and well connected"*.

Which two of the following statements are most important to you when considering **transport and infrastructure** on the Far North?

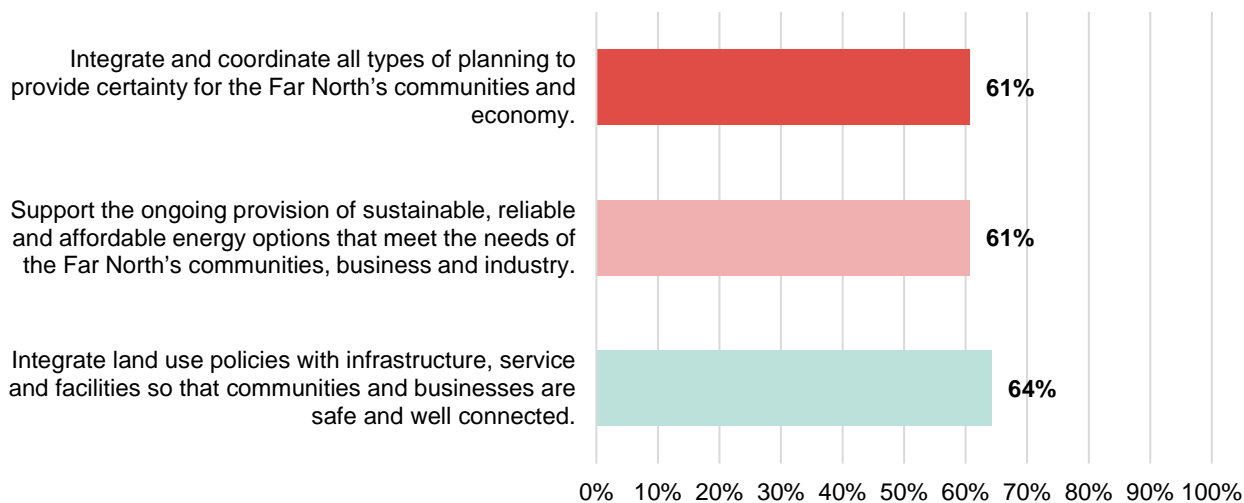


Figure 8: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering transport and infrastructure.

Respondents could provide comments related to transport and infrastructure. The top themes that arose included:

Public and local transport access

- A key concern among respondents was the lack of public transport in towns like Coober Pedy and Marla. Some noted the absence of buses, taxis, or any form of shared transport, which limits mobility, especially for access to medical services and shopping. Suggestions included extending Uber licenses to remote areas and exploring future technologies like driverless vehicles and robotaxis to serve small communities.

Road safety and infrastructure

- Road conditions, signage, and lighting were identified as issues across the region. Respondents emphasised the need for safer roads, with specific concerns relating to black spots that have not been addressed, and the need for flood-proofing key sections of the Stuart Highway. There were also calls for shaded parking and rest stops for both cars and trucks to improve safety and comfort for long-distance travelers.

Energy and sustainability

- Some respondents highlighted the issues with current energy infrastructure in remote communities. There was support for investing in solar energy for individual homes rather than large-scale wind or solar farms. Respondents raised the importance of reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy to support future growth and liveability in the region.

Equity and regional support

- There were calls for more equitable funding of remote communities. Suggestions included subsidising regional airline tickets for residents traveling for medical care, implementing tolls on freight transport to reinvest in local infrastructure, and ensuring that ports and transport assets remain state-owned. Some respondents proposed increasing fuel prices in cities to subsidise transport and goods costs in remote areas.

Emergency preparedness and services

- Concerns were raised about emergency response infrastructure, particularly in the event of hazardous material incidents involving freight or road trains. Respondents noted that hospitals lack decontamination systems and that emergency services are under-equipped for mass casualty events. This was seen as a significant risk given the volume of freight traffic through the region.

Location specific feedback

- Coober Pedy: Respondents highlight a lack of public transport services and suggest there is a need for better traveler facilities and solar energy support for residents.
- Andamooka: Respondents note there is a community bus, but it only operates once a week, highlighting limited transport access.
- Glendambo: Respondents suggest this is a flood-prone area on the Stuart Highway, and call for flood-proofing or bridge construction.
- Pimba: Some suggested this is a difficult area to flood-proof on the Stuart Highway and provided suggestions for alternative route options.
- Marla: Suggested for upgrades to traveler rest facilities to support tourism and freight traffic.
- Port Augusta: Respondents note the lack of passenger rail options despite being a major transit point.
- Port Paterson: Concern about road safety due to the speed limit zone on the highway.

4.3.5 Implementation and delivery

Respondents were asked to select four out of a possible six statements that were most important to them to deliver the plan. The majority (93%) selected *“The Plan’s success relies on collaboration between government, councils, industry, and the community”*.

Which two of the following statements are most important to you when considering transport and infrastructure on the Far North?

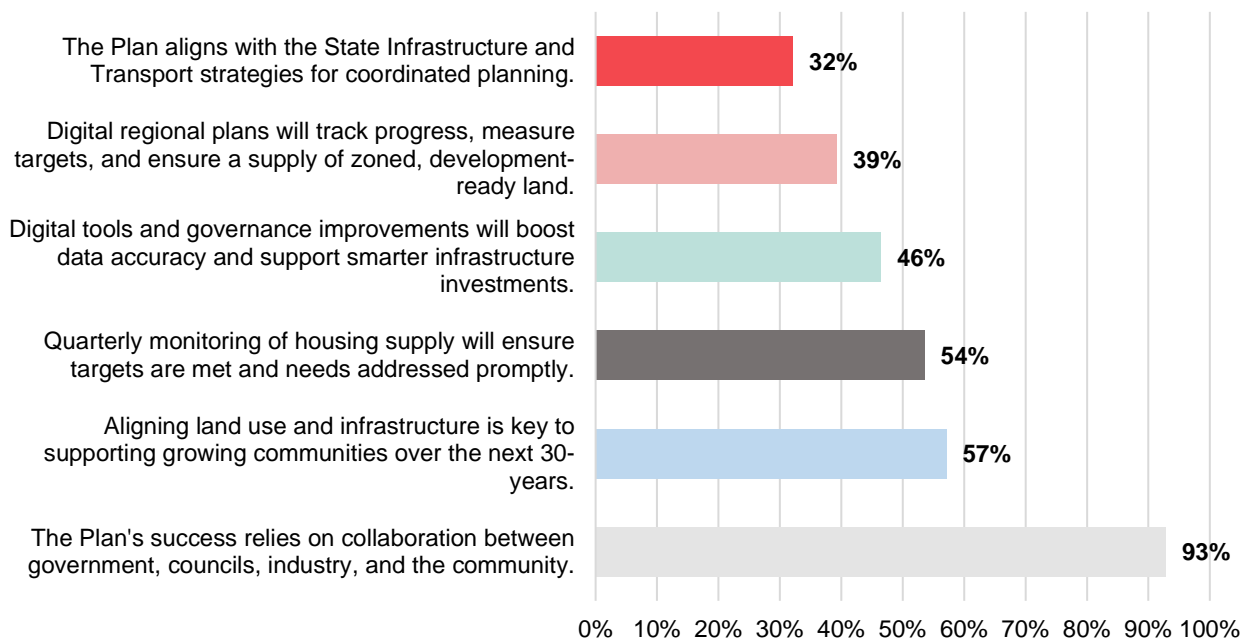


Figure 9: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering implementation and delivery.

Respondents could provide comments related to implementation and delivery. The top themes that arose included:

Service delivery and infrastructure

- A recurring concern was that the Far North lacks essential services, particularly in health and education, which discourages people from relocating to the region despite affordable housing options. Respondents emphasised that improving services should be prioritised over housing development alone, as services are the foundation of liveability and long-term population growth.

Community engagement and representation

- A number of respondents expressed frustration with the lack of community involvement in the planning and delivery process. There was a call for more meaningful consultation, with residents wanting their voices to be heard and respected. Some felt ignored and questioned whether collaboration includes the people who live in the Far North region.

Planning processes and accessibility

- The development approval process was described as overly complex and inaccessible, particularly for those without strong digital literacy. Respondents called for a more user-friendly system with clearer information and better support for community members. A coordinated approach between agencies was also recommended to streamline approvals and reduce confusion.

Governance, accountability, and regulation

- There were strong calls for greater accountability in governance, especially regarding environmental protection and mining operations. The current Environment Protection Act was criticised as ineffective, particularly in remote areas where pollution and industrial impacts are more severe. Respondents advocated for a stronger, federally enforced environmental protection framework with clear accountability for decision-makers.

Location specific feedback

- Port Augusta: Highlighted as having more affordable housing than Adelaide, but lacking in essential services like health and education, which some suggest discourages relocation to the area.
- Coober Pedy: The hospital was described as outdated, and in need of renewal or equipment upgrades. Respondents emphasised the need for investment in services over housing.

4.4 Easy Read survey

There was one response to the Easy Read survey. Due to the single response, and to ensure feedback is not identifiable, feedback has been included in analysis of the general survey. Quantitative data for these survey responses is included in section 4.3.

The Easy Read survey had a different set of questions to the general survey, however themes of feedback align with that of the general survey responses.

5 Evaluation of engagement

To ensure the principles of the Community Engagement Charter (the Charter) are met, an evaluation of the engagement process for the Far North Regional Plan has occurred.

5.1 Performance indicators for evaluation

The minimum mandatory performance indicators have been used to evaluate engagement. These measures help to gauge how successful the engagement has been in meeting the Charter's principles for good engagement.

Evaluation of engagement by community members

The following performance indicators required an evaluation of responses from members of the community on the engagement. This includes an evaluation of whether (or to what extent) community members felt:

1. That the engagement **genuinely sought** their input to help shape the Plan.
2. They were given an adequate **opportunity to be heard**.
3. They were given **sufficient information** so that they could take an informed view.
4. **Informed** about why they were being asked for their view, and the way it would be considered.

This evaluation was undertaken through an online survey, sent to people who provided feedback about the engagement on the Plan.

The evaluation of the engagement was undertaken by the Strategic Communications Unit of the Planning and Building section of the Department for Housing and Urban Development, on behalf of the designated entity. The results of the evaluation are contained in Attachment 3 to this engagement report. There were 99 responses.

5.2 Evaluation against the Charter principles

The following is a summary of the evaluation of the engagement against the five principles of the Charter.

5.2.1 Engagement is genuine

People had faith and confidence in the engagement process.

The majority (75%) of respondents felt that there was a genuine effort to seek input from the community.

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel there was a genuine effort to seek input from the community.	38%	38%	0	13%	13%

5.2.2 Engagement is inclusive and respectful

Affected and interested people had the opportunity to participate and be heard.

The majority (75%) of respondents agreed that they were given sufficient opportunities to provide feedback during the consultation.

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I was given sufficient opportunities to provide feedback during the consultation.	38%	38%	13%	13%	0

5.2.3 Engagement is fit for purpose

People were effectively engaged and satisfied with the process.

People were clear about the proposed change and how it would affect them.

Nearly all respondents (88%) agreed that the information provided about the Plan allowed them to make an informed view.

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The information provided about the Plan allowed me to make an informed view.	0	88%	13%	0	0

5.2.4 Engagement is informed and transparent

All relevant information was made available and people could access it.

People understood how their views were considered, the reasons for the outcomes and the final decision that was made.

The majority (88%) of respondents agreed that the purpose of gathering their feedback and its intended use was clearly explained.

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The purpose of gathering my feedback and its intended use was clearly explained.	38%	50%	13%	0	0

5.2.5 Engagement processes are reviewed and improved

The engagement was reviewed and improvements recommended.

Most (63%) respondents indicated confidence that their input was considered during the engagement process and helped shape the Plan. Smaller numbers of respondents were neutral or somewhat disagreed.

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel confident that my input was considered during the engagement process and helped shape the Plan.	38%	25%	25%	13%	0

5.3 Summary

Feedback on the engagement process was favourable across all Charter principles, reflecting that the majority of respondents had good levels of satisfaction with the process.

Additional feedback received in relation to the engagement process included:

- One respondent suggested improved visibility of surveys and engagement materials beyond council websites.
- One respondent requested the promotion of consultation opportunities through multiple channels, including local media, social media, and community networks.

6 Summary of key themes and responses

The following themes have been derived from all methods of feedback (written submissions and online surveys).

Data assumption

The summary below highlights the key themes from the community feedback received. It is important to note that while it captures what are perceived as the most significant points, it does not encompass every individual response or piece of feedback, as is common with qualitative data. All submissions, including those not reflected here, will be thoroughly reviewed and analysed by DHUD's technical team.

6.1 People, housing and liveability

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Lack of appropriate housing was seen as a barrier to attracting essential workers such as police, nurses, teachers, and aged care staff, particularly in remote towns. Feedback emphasised the need for housing that better reflects evolving community needs, including aged-friendly, affordable, accessible, and climate-resilient homes.
- Some respondents noted that supply of housing is not the core issue, particularly for some locations where large numbers of homes remain vacant or uninhabitable. Respondents would like to see existing housing restored before further development is pursued.
- People value the lifestyle of the Far North and want to remain in or return to their communities. However, cost of living pressures, unreliable services (such as water, power, and transport), and limited health and education opportunities were identified as barriers to staying. Respondents stressed the need for better services, community infrastructure, greener public space and active transport connections to enhance liveability.
- Local pride in heritage buildings and the unique character of towns like Coober Pedy, Blinman and Beltana was evident, with calls to protect these assets while adapting to future needs. Some respondents expressed their preference for enabling infill development that fits within the character of towns, rather than developing new growth areas.
- Respondents felt the current planning system makes it too difficult to build or renovate homes, particularly where native vegetation laws or zoning constraints apply. Some people expressed frustration at a lack of clear, timely advice from authorities and called for more localised decision-making.

Commission's response

The Plan provides a long-term strategic framework to guide sustainable development and maintain the Region's unique liveability over the next 30 years. The Plan acknowledges the community's connection to the region and includes further enhancements and additional content to ensure it focuses on the key challenges unique to the Region.

Housing diversity and affordability

We heard strong support for increased housing options, particularly affordable housing in main townships and Port Augusta, and accommodation for older people and essential workers. In response, the Plan includes revised long term strategic objectives, new spatial enhancements to provide better ledgibility of townships while improving spatial data.

The Housing Roadmap (2024) is supported by the Plan by outlining near-term actions that will deliver policy improvements to promote the outcomes sought. It also seeks to work across government to address barriers such as construction labour shortages, small development scales, and rising material costs.

To ensure long-term responsiveness, the Plan supports a high-growth planning scenario, which allows infrastructure and land supply to keep pace with emerging housing needs. The Land Supply Dashboard when expanded to regional areas will provide real-time monitoring of available land to guide future zoning amendments.

Balancing growth with liveability

The region is projected to grow by approximately 1,100 permanent residents over 30 years, around 36 people per year. While this is moderate growth, it will require a smarter, more efficient approach to land use and infrastructure investment.

Feedback expressed mixed views on growth, arguing the projections were not reflective of actual growth and housing demand and that ABS Census data in remote areas such as the APY Lands is not accurate. The Plan acknowledges these views and seeks to direct future growth to existing towns and avoiding urban sprawl, ensuring services like healthcare, roads and utilities can be expanded efficiently.

Future housing areas have been carefully identified with reference to environmental and cultural constraints, hazard risk, existing infrastructure, and local character. Importantly, the Plan protects key landscapes and identifies how town character and sense of place can be maintained as communities evolve.

Tourism, short-term rentals and housing pressure

The Plan acknowledges the tension between tourism-driven demand and the availability of long-term housing for residents. While the Plan does not directly seek to regulate short-term holiday rentals, it recognises their impact and highlights the need for coordinated approaches with other government agencies and council.

The Plan encourages housing that supports a range of uses, including key worker housing, and identifies the need for further work on managing tourism growth sustainably.

Infrastructure and Implementation

The Plan identifies infrastructure actions to be refined through partnerships with state agencies and utilities over the next 1–5 years. These will ensure new residential areas are appropriately serviced, reducing costs to homebuyers and communities over the life of housing assets. A staged infrastructure delivery approach also helps manage public investment effectively.

Importantly, the Plan is not static. It includes actions to review and amend zoning and strategic directions as new data and projects emerge, ensuring the Region can remain adaptive and resilient.

Amendments to the Plan

Theme: People, housing and liveability

Note: spatial amendments are in Section 6.6 of this report.

General edits made to theme include additional content, to remove spelling and grammatical errors and to improve readability.

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Sub-theme	Heading	Change
	<i>Content</i>	Additional contextual commentary added that strengthens the people, housing and liveability theme, with a focus on delivering housing that meets the needs of the Region, promotion of more sustainable living options, compact township and settlement development and balanced development outcomes.
	<i>Regional Key Worker Scheme</i>	Added breakout box with details on Renewal SA Office for Regional Housing – Regional Key Worker Scheme.
	<i>Townships</i>	Added detailed descriptions for each Regional City, Major Service Centres and Supporting Service Centres in the region to enhance localised content which is region specific.
Housing supply and diversity	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ due to feedback
	<i>Rural living</i>	Added a subheading providing context on the role of rural living development in regional areas.
	<i>Housing Roadmap</i>	Added a breakout box outlining the government’s Housing Roadmap.
	<i>Townships</i>	Added ‘housing activity data’ for each Regional City, Major Service Centres and Supporting Service Centres in the region to enhance localised content which is region specific.
	<i>Action</i>	<p>Removed the Action – “Investigate a Code Amendment to the open space site directly adjacent to the south of the Hawker Caravan Park to ensure ongoing use as open space and support the function of the adjoining Community Facilities Zone and the Hawker Area School.</p> <p>Reason: A recommended change to the application of a zone does not require a 0-5 year action to be identified. This change is identified through spatial mapping contained in the plan.</p>
	<i>Action</i>	<p>Removed Action - “Investigate a Code Amendment to the north of the Hawker War Memorial to unlock well located and serviced housing supply, in a manner which preserves the Hawker War Memorial site”.</p> <p>Reason: A recommended change to the application of a zone does not require a 0-5 year action to be identified. This change is identified through spatial mapping contained in the plan.</p>
	<i>Action</i>	<p>Removed Action – “Initiate a Code amendment to broaden the application of the Affordable Housing Overlay to all zones that envisage residential development, including neighbourhood, township, settlement, and activity centre type zone, and provide options for an accompanying Affordable Housing Offset Scheme to increase supply of affordable and social housing.”</p> <p>Reason: This is no longer a short-term priority.</p>

	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “Investigate and identify where minimum residential allotment size and maximum building height TNVs could be amended within existing built up neighbourhoods in Port Augusta to encourage a diverse range of infill housing options”. Reason: Council-led strategic planning work as a short-term priority to identify areas which could benefit from policy changes to encourage a diverse range of infill housing options
Aboriginal cultural heritage and values	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional due to feedback
	<i>First Nations Voice to Parliament</i>	Added breakout box with details on South Australia’s First Nation’s Voice to Parliament due to feedback
	<i>Aboriginal sites and objects</i>	Added breakout box with details on Aboriginal sites and objects due to feedback
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “Develop Planning with Country guidelines that support the integration of Aboriginal knowledge in structure planning and rezoning proposals.” Reason: Feedback suggested that this action, which applies to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) also has application to the other Country regional plans for future structure planning and Code Amendments.
State and local heritage	<i>UNESCO World Heritage listing bid</i>	Added breakout box with details on the Flinders Ranges World Heritage bid due to feedback
Landscape and township character	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional due to feedback
	<i>Master Plans</i>	Added breakout box with details on the Port Augusta Activity Centre Master Plan, Flinders Ranges Streetscapes Master Plan, Quorn Silo Light Show due to feedback

6.2 Productive economy

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Respondents want economic growth in the Far North to benefit local communities, calling for profits from mining, tourism and other industries to stay in the region, helping to improve services and infrastructure.
- There was feedback suggesting that economic growth must go hand-in-hand with caring for Country, protecting Aboriginal culture, and valuing the unique landscapes that attract visitors.
- Tourism was seen as a major economic opportunity, particularly in places like Coober Pedy and Port Augusta. Some respondents shared ideas to grow tourism, such as upgrading roads, improving visitor facilities, and promoting unique local stories.
- There was support for renewable energy development, with suggestions to leverage the sun and space to become a powerhouse for solar energy. However, some respondents raised concerns about renewable energy developments in residential or rural living zones proceeding without proper consultation.
- Respondents are eager to see more job and training opportunities for young people, and support for industries that keep wealth in the region. Agriculture, health care, aged care and tourism were all identified as sectors that can offer lasting local employment in remote areas.
- Some participants suggested that valuable agricultural land must be protected from development, and voiced support for stronger planning controls that protect grain production areas.

Commission's response

In South Australia, the mining and energy sector significantly contributes to the state's economy, generating substantial revenue and employment. While the sector provides economic benefits, there are also considerations regarding wealth distribution and potential social and environmental impacts.

Mining is the Far North's largest employment sector, supporting an estimated 6,000 jobs, which represents almost 33% of total employment, along with economic output, which at \$10.4B accounts for almost 70% of total output¹. This equates to investment in exploration, equipment and has flow on effects for supporting business, suppliers, hospitality and retail sectors. Royalties for minerals in South Australia for 2023-2024 were \$315.3 million².

Renewable energy

The Plan includes a state-first spatial mapping layer which displays the potential suitability of land to produce solar or wind powered renewable energy generation.

The *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* (HRE Act) in South Australia provides a framework for licensing and regulating large-scale hydrogen and renewable energy projects. It establishes a streamlined process, including a "one window to government" approach, for companies seeking to develop these projects. The Act also focuses on environmental sustainability, First Nations engagement, and land access.

Tourism: opportunity and balance

Tourism is both a vital contributor to the region's economy and a pressure point for housing and the environment. The Plan includes an enhanced *'Tourism and Events'* sub-theme, recognising the economic, cultural and social value of this sector.

Industry diversification and innovation

Respondents expressed greater support for emerging sectors such as food innovation, creative industries, arts and culture, and circular economy enterprises.

The Plan supports this by identifying employment lands and mixed-use precincts suitable for adaptive reuse and entrepreneurial activity, including value-adding food industries and cultural enterprises. The Plan aligns with the SA Economic Statement’s missions to build regional talent, tap into the global green economy, and position the Region as a partner of choice in innovation and resilience.

The plan map integrates various layers of economic infrastructure, such as access to broadband, logistics routes, and utilities, into the digital platform to better support regional business planning and investment attraction.

Strengthening waste and reuse and activity centres

Feedback also highlighted the importance of waste and reuse and employment areas in general. In response, the Plan includes a new *Waste and Resource Recovery* and sub-theme, and a *Activity Centres and Retail* sub-theme.

Worker housing

Feedback clearly suggests that worker housing shortages are impacting sectors like agriculture, tourism and healthcare. The Plan aligns with the broader Housing Roadmap to improve housing availability and diversity, particularly near service towns and employment areas. The strategic identification of residential growth areas is intended to relieve pressure on the workforce and support essential services in the Region.

Further work will explore policy enablers that can unlock affordable or seasonal workforce accommodation in targeted locations, and this is supported by an action in the Plan.

Primary production and rural economy

The Plan recognises that primary production is a cornerstone of the Region’s economy, supporting not only jobs and exports, but also food security, landscape management and cultural identity. In response to community feedback, the Plan strengthens the strategic intent to protect productive agricultural land from incompatible development and guides future infrastructure upgrades that support freight, water, energy and connectivity for rural industries.

Land use conflict between farming and other uses is addressed through updated spatial tools and overlays, while planning principles promote interface management and rural zone integrity.

Amendments to the Plan

Theme: Productive economy

Note: Spatial amendments are in Section 6.6 of this Report.

General edits made to theme include additional content, to remove spelling and grammatical errors and to improve readability.

Sub-theme	Heading	Change
	<i>Content</i>	Additional contextual commentary added that strengthens the Productive Economy theme, with a focus on primary production support and diversification, workers accommodation, sustainable tourism and balanced development outcomes.

	<i>Womera Prohibited Area and Cultana Training Area</i>	Added breakout box with details on the defence assets in the region due to feedback from Department of Defence.
Employment lands	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added additional due to feedback.
	<i>Broad industry categories</i>	Revised content strengthens alignment with the South Australian Economic Statement, introduces a clearer planning framework through Broad Industry Categories (BICs), and expands on infrastructure and aquaculture opportunities, while maintaining core messages around workforce, employment land, and regional centres.
Activity centres and retail	<i>Sub theme</i>	Added the 'Activity centres and retail' sub theme Reason: To recognise and identify the specific role, function and infrastructure needs a new or existing activity centre may require, along with supporting a well-planned activity centre hierarchy and network of centres to optimise the distribution of retail and service businesses and supports liveability, convenience and choice across the region.
	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Added 'Long-term strategic objectives' for the additional sub theme to support the Outcome for Productive Economy.
	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Amended 'Long-term strategic objectives' due to feedback
Tourism and events	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Amended 'Long-term strategic objectives' due to feedback
	<i>Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park</i>	Added breakout box with details on Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park, Nilpena Ediacara National Park and Arkaroola Dark Sky Sanctuary to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
Primary Industry	<i>Actions</i>	Added action - Productive Land Value Mapping: "Maintain contemporary productive land value mapping and identify key primary production assets that should be protected". Reason: For consistency with other country regional plans.
	<i>Action</i>	Added action: "Review interface management policies in the Planning and Design Code to ensure the ongoing viability of primary industries at the edge of urban areas and undertake a Code amendment as necessary" Reason: To reflect feedback regarding interface management between urban and primary production areas.

Waste and resource recovery	<i>Sub theme</i>	Added a 'Waste and resource recovery' sub theme Reason: To reflect feedback and to recognise the specific role waste resource and recovery has across the region and as it relates to land use planning.
	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Added 'Long-term strategic objectives' for the additional sub theme to support the Outcome for Productive Economy.
	<i>Leigh Creek Resource Recovery Centre</i>	Added breakout box with new content on Leigh Creek's Resource Recovery Centre within the sub-theme.
Mineral and energy resources	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added additional due to feedback
	<i>Actions</i>	Removed Action – "Identify and protect key resource sites across the State including investigating the application of the Resource Extraction Zone and Resource Extraction Protection Overlay and new policy that addresses urban interface issues". Reason: To reflect feedback received from the Department for Energy and Mining during engagement.

6.3 Natural resources, environment and landscapes

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Strong feedback was provided about the importance of protecting Country and respecting the cultural, spiritual, and environmental significance of the Far North. Respondents emphasised the need for decisions, particularly those involving major projects with environmental impacts, to be informed by the lived experience of local communities and First Nations people.
- Feedback highlighted the need for vegetation recovery in degraded areas, especially in and around towns. Buffel grass and invasive weeds were raised as key concerns that need long-term, funded management.
- Responses urged future development to avoid harm to sacred landscapes, native flora and fauna, and underground water sources like the Great Artesian Basin. There was concern that mining, fracking, and energy infrastructure projects are proceeding without enough regulation, consultation, or accountability.
- Feedback supported action on climate change, suggesting inclusion of clearer objectives and updated targets that align with South Australia's net zero ambitions. There were calls for more guidance on tracking emissions, and climate-resilient planning that considers extreme heat, drought, and severe weather events.

- Some respondents raised the need for green infrastructure like tree planting for natural cooling and regenerating the landscape. People were passionate about “greening the desert”, drawing on comparisons to international desert restoration projects.
- Water quality and access were top priorities for respondents, with calls for better wastewater treatment, seagrass restoration, and water-sensitive design in future development. Some urged government to avoid desalination and instead focus on nature-based water solutions.

Commission’s response

The Plan acknowledges the diverse natural environment as a fundamental pillar of its economy, liveability and identity. Feedback reinforced this strongly, with respondents identifying the protection of native vegetation and scenic landscapes. Feedback also called for greater climate resilience, more nuanced growth planning, and improved protection of sensitive places.

Protecting natural areas and character

The Plan recognises tensions and takes a cautious approach to growth, favouring areas adjacent to townships with lower environmental value and better access to infrastructure. Ongoing refinement of growth boundaries will be supported by updated vegetation mapping and land capability assessments.

Strengthening climate resilience

The Plan has been strengthened post-consultation to reflect a clearer and more actionable response to climate change.

This approach supports a precautionary planning framework ensuring that future township expansion avoids high-risk areas and that the digital Plan can incorporate real-time updates as hazard risk science evolves.

Climate resilience will continue to be embedded across zoning and land use decisions, with a commitment to support future-proofed infrastructure, settlement patterns, and natural asset buffers.

Native vegetation and biodiversity

The Plan maps native vegetation cover, conservation reserves, heritage agreements and threatened ecological communities to actively avoid or minimise impacts on high-value areas. These spatial layers are critical to shaping sustainable growth scenarios and will be regularly updated as vegetation and ecological condition data improves.

Content has been added to clarify the interface between the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*, particularly in anticipation of the proposed Biodiversity Act. This will ensure consistent application of vegetation policies across land use planning and environmental regulation.

Water and hazard management

The ‘Integrated Water Management, Security and Quality’ sub theme has been enhanced and ensures an integrated approach to water infrastructure, climate hazards, and settlement growth.

Implementation and ongoing refinement

The digital Plan includes enhanced environmental overlays and hazard layers to support informed, transparent decision-making. These layers will continue to evolve alongside new data and projections, helping to ensure development is climate-safe and ecologically responsible.

Amendments to the Plan

Theme: Natural resources, environment and landscapes

Note: Spatial amendments are in Section 6.6 of this Report.

General edits made to theme include additional content, to remove spelling and grammatical errors and to improve readability.

Sub-theme	Heading	Change
	<i>Outcome 3</i>	Amended Outcome to more clearly guide the aspirations of the Theme
Biodiversity	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional due to feedback
	<i>Native vegetation legislation</i>	Added breakout box with details on Native vegetation legislation to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
Climate change	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ due to feedback
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “To aim for carbon neutrality, investigate policy approaches that enable the consideration of embodied carbon.” Reason: In relation to feedback and to align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “Develop a regenerative planning framework and toolkit to assist state government, local government, and the private sector in applying regenerative approaches to planning.” Reason: In relation to feedback and to align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.
Coastal environment	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ due to feedback
	<i>Learn more about the legislative framework</i>	Added breakout box with details on legislation to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>Action</i>	Amend wording – “Update coastal processes and hazard mapping including coastal flooding and storm surge, dune drift and coastal mangrove and saltmarshes to inform spatial amendments to the Coastal Areas Overlay and Coastal Flooding Overlay, to incorporate additional Flooding Site and Floor Levels Technical and Numeric Variations” to “Initiate a Code amendment to amend the Coastal Areas

		<p>Overlay, to update coastal flooding policy and associated finished ground and floor level Technical and Numeric Variations.”</p> <p>Reason: To align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.</p>
Natural hazards	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ due to feedback
	<i>Action</i>	<p>Added Action – “Update the bushfire mapping in the Regional Plan to align with the finalisation and publication of the Statewide Bushfire Hazards Overlay Code Amendment.”</p> <p>Reason: In relation to feedback and to align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.</p>
	<i>Action</i>	<p>Added Action – “Finalise the State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment, and update floodwater mapping in the Regional Plan to align with the finalisation and publication of the Code amendment.”</p> <p>Reason: In relation to feedback and to align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.</p>
Emissions and hazardous activities	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional due to feedback

6.4 Transport and infrastructure

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Respondents called for safer roads across the region, including better lighting, signage, rest stops, shoulders, and overtaking lanes, particularly on key routes like the Stuart Highway. There was strong support for sealing and upgrading unsealed roads and flood-proofing low-lying sections to ensure safe, all-weather access.
- Many towns, including Coober Pedy and Andamooka, have no access to buses or taxis. Feedback highlighted the need for more frequent community transport and support for new models such as ride-share, driverless vehicles, and on-demand transport services. Affordable transport to attend medical appointments was also raised as a critical issue.
- Heavy vehicle traffic on regional roads was a concern, with some suggesting tolls for freight operators to help cover maintenance costs. Other responses highlighted the high cost of freight and fuel increasing the cost of goods in remote communities, and called for subsidies to help reduce the cost of living.
- Upgrades to regional airstrips were strongly supported, including sealing surfaces, improved lighting, and infrastructure to enable 24/7 and all-weather access. There were calls to introduce or expand passenger flight services, particularly from Port Augusta, to improve connectivity for residents and visitors.

- Transport infrastructure was seen as vital for emergency response. Feedback included calls to improve Royal Flying Doctor Service access, install clear signage and lighting for night landings, and strengthen local capabilities for responding to incidents.

Commission's response

Transport and infrastructure are deeply linked to the day-to-day experience of people in the region and the Plan reflects this. Feedback from residents, businesses and stakeholders made it clear that access, cost, coordination, and safety must improve if the region is to grow sustainably.

Safer and better-connected transport network

Feedback raised concerns about the condition and safety of road infrastructure, particularly unsealed roads, public transport and airstrip upgrades and enhancements. The Plan details:

- Identifying growth areas that require upfront infrastructure coordination, including road improvements.
- Encouraging place-based infrastructure planning, where local road needs are considered alongside land use, population growth and emergency access.
- Aligning with existing road asset condition data from state and local governments to flag critical investment areas.

The Plan's 'Delivery and implementation' theme, identifies regional priorities will help guide future government and council investment strategies.

Freight movement and efficiency

Several stakeholders highlighted challenges with freight route efficiency. The Plan supports more efficient freight outcomes by:

- Mapping key freight corridors and aligning them with strategic employment and port areas.
- Supporting more consistent freight planning assumptions across agencies to reduce duplication and mismatch in investment decisions.
- Highlighting the need for infrastructure delivery sequencing that supports time-sensitive sectors like primary production and logistics.

These insights have been embedded in the Plan's 'Coordination and Delivery' sub-theme ensuring freight infrastructure is integrated into the planning and implementation pipeline.

DIT are finalising APY Lands Main Access Road upgrades, Augusta Highway safety upgrades, and Strzelecki Track upgrades and sealing. They have committed to future corridor duplication planning for the Augusta Highway, the Higher Productivity Vehicle Network Expansion Strategic Business Case and a Remote and Regional Aviation Strategy, all of which are located, or partially located, within the Far North Region.

Enabling smarter long-term planning

The Plan's digital format allows for more regular updates of infrastructure constraints, cost assumptions, and hazard overlays, ensuring it remains a living document that evolves as new pressures emerge. The Transport and infrastructure theme, now refined and expanded post-consultation, strengthens the region's long-term ability to plan, sequence and fund infrastructure that supports sustainable growth, protects liveability, and enhances safety and productivity.

Amendments to the Plan

Theme: Transport and infrastructure

Note: Spatial amendments are in Section 6.6 of this Report.

General edits made to theme include additional content, to remove spelling and grammatical errors and to improve readability.

Sub-theme	Heading	Change
Strategic Transport Networks	<i>South Australia's Transport Strategy</i>	Added breakout box with details on DIT's South Australia's Transport Strategy to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>High Productivity Vehicle Network Project</i>	Added breakout box with details on the High Productivity Vehicle Network Project to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>Public Transport Strategy</i>	Added breakout box with details on DIT's Public Transport strategy to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – "Incorporate any planning and land use related outcomes from the Remote and Regional Aviation Strategy such as any Code Amendments." Reason: To align the with the DIT Transport Forward Works Plan 2024-27 which has application for the region.
Water Security and Integrated Water Management	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' due to feedback
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – "Development of long-term water and wastewater master plans to update the Far North Regional Plan." Reason: In relation to feedback from SA Water which has application for the region.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – "Development of a water strategy for the Far North region which will address the demands of SA Water's existing and potential future customers and consider all sources of water." Reason: In relation to feedback from SA Water which has application for the region.
Social infrastructure	<i>National Agreement on social housing and homelessness</i>	Added breakout box with details on the National Agreement on social housing to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – "Establish and maintain publicly available social infrastructure benchmarks to assist with planning for new growth areas."

		Reason: To align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.
Energy and telecommunications	<i>South Australia's renewable energy generation</i>	Added breakout box with details on South Australia's renewable energy generation to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	<i>Off-grid energy</i>	Added breakout box with details on Off-grid energy to enhance visibility as a result of feedback within the sub-theme.
Infrastructure corridors and reserves	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added additional due to feedback

6.5 Implementation and delivery

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Some respondents expressed concern that the Plan feels too distant from their daily lives. Respondents noted that implementation should reflect the realities of remote communities, and that improvements to health, education and basic services need to be prioritised over new developments. Several contributors questioned whether decision-makers in Adelaide truly understand the needs of remote communities.
- There was strong feedback about the need for more genuine community involvement in delivering the Plan. Some respondents called for local knowledge and lived experience to be included at every stage of implementation, alongside digital systems. Others suggested the plan should be co-delivered with local organisations to reflect community priorities.
- Feedback highlighted a need for clear roles and responsibilities in delivering actions. People want those in charge to be held accountable for delivery, including environmental and social impacts. There were calls for stronger legislative frameworks and an updated Environment Protection Act to better protect communities.
- Some respondents noted that the data used to forecast changes in the region, such as Australian Bureau of Statistics census data, does not accurately represent Aboriginal communities and underrepresented groups in remote communities.
- We received some feedback on the presentation of the Plan on the Regional Planning Portal. Some noted issues with the mapping interface when viewing spatial information across a large area with sparse settlements. Other comments sought to improve the transparency of data, how multiple layers and data sets can be used together, and how to improve the experience for those who may have low bandwidth/connectivity or less accustomed to using this type of online tool.

Commission's response

The Plan is a strategic document which seeks to shape the future of the region by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure needs to support sustainable growth over the next 15 to 30 years. The Plan must be consistent with relevant State Planning Policies and include a long-term vision (over a

15 to 30 year period) for the region, maps and plans that relate to the long-term vision, contextual information about the region including forward projections and statistical data and analysis and include recommendations (actions) about the application and operation of the Planning and Design Code.

The Commission has worked closely with other state government agencies, utility providers and RDA's to ensure that projected future growth planning considers current and future capacity of both physical and social infrastructure. To ensure greater alignment between land use planning and infrastructure needs, the Plan includes actions for relevant state government agencies, utility providers and RDA's which have a 1-5 year time frame, for greater accountability and transparency, for future investigations, Code Amendments and spatial mapping data enhancements.

Developed in collaboration with councils, industry, and the community, the Plan responds to key challenges such as housing supply, climate resilience, and infrastructure planning. Councils are at the forefront of their communities, and drive future zoning changes and growth planning by undertaking strategic planning for their local area to plan for future projected housing and employment growth and identify requirements and timing for local infrastructure and services. This work will inform future updates to the Plan.

The Commission acknowledges that in many outback locations, census data collection relies on individuals visiting designated service centres, making accessibility difficult. Therefore the 2021 Census data used in the Plan may not accurately reflect the population of remote and very remote communities in the region.

The Plan's format is fully digital, dynamic, and interactive and enables more regular updates, ensuring it remains a living document that evolves as new pressures emerge. Enhancements have been made to improve user interface and legibility, including to accommodate the scale and settlements of the Far North. New features include extent zooming to a Regional City, Major Service Centres and Supporting service Centres - Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Roxby Downs, Quorn, Hawker, Leigh Creek.

Amendments to the Plan

Theme: Delivery and implementation

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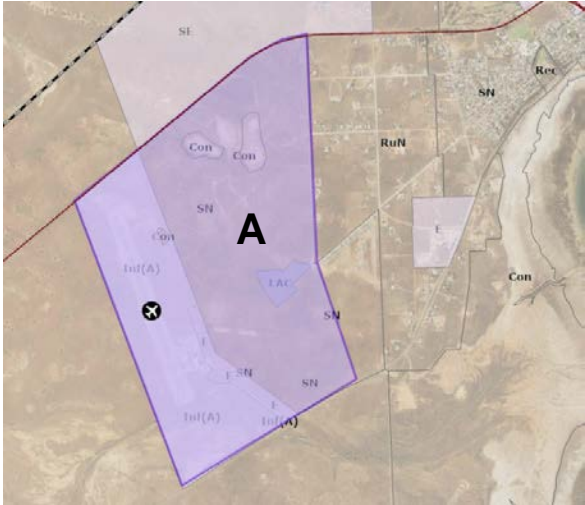
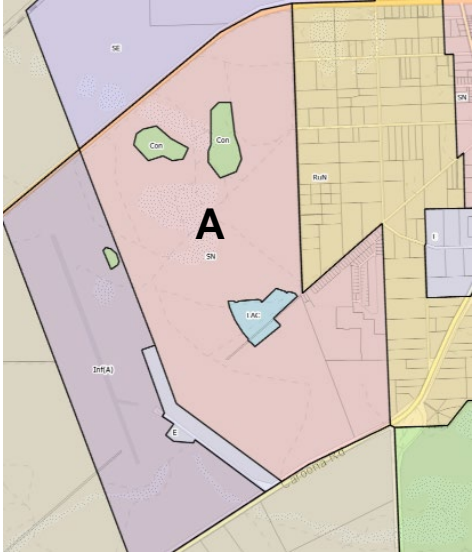
Sub-theme	Heading	Change
Coordination and delivery	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added additional one due to feedback
	<i>Port Augusta Infrastructure for Growth Strategy</i>	Added breakout box with details on the Port Augusta Infrastructure for Growth Strategy to enhance visibility as a result of feedback within the sub-theme.
	<i>Aboriginal community structure plans</i>	Added breakout box with details on the Aboriginal community structure plans to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.

	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “Update the Land Supply Dashboard to include tracking of Upper Spencer Gulf Cities to provide more timely, accessible, transparent data in an interactive online platform.” Reason: To provide greater transparency and data for land supply within the cities of Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action – “Undertake strategic planning for Port Augusta to plan for the implementation of housing requirements through the preparation of a Develop a Local Housing Strategy for Port Augusta, including the requirements and timing for local infrastructure and services, to inform updates to the Far North Regional Plan.”
	<i>Actions</i>	Added Action – “Investigate and prepare master plans for remote settlements/townships within the Pastoral Unincorporated Area to plan for future housing and employment and identify requirements and timing for local infrastructure and services to inform updates to the Regional Plan. This may include Andamooka, Blinman, Innamincka, Leigh Creek, Marree, Oodnadatta and Yunta.” Reason: In relation to feedback from Outback Community Authority which has oversight for the Unincorporated Areas of the region.
	<i>Actions</i>	Added Action – “Development of long-term water and wastewater master plans that will update the Far North Regional Plan”. Reason: Based on feedback from SA Water during engagement.
Infrastructure charging	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Incorporated and refined previous ‘Strategies for the Region’ into ‘Long-term strategic objectives’
	<i>Investigate Alternative Infrastructure Approaches</i>	Added Action “Investigate the opportunity for low-density, off-grid housing utilising alternative energy, water, and waste systems to reduce reliance on public infrastructure and unlock housing development in regional and remote locations”. Reason: Action discussed with ISA who are looking at making this a priority within the next 18 months to provide housing infrastructure alternatives in regional and remote locations.

6.6 Summary of recommended changes

The following table provides a summary of changes proposed to the Far North Regional Plan following statutory engagement:

Proposed change	Reason
Spatial amendments	
<i>Port Augusta</i>	<u>Future employment</u>

Proposed change	Reason
<p>Draft FNRP:</p>  <p>SAPPA – Extent of current zoning for Site A:</p> 	<p>Within the Draft FNRP site A was designated Future Employment.</p> <p>During the engagement period, DHUD staff were advised that the designation should have only captured the current extent of the Suburban Neighbourhood Zone, which excludes the parcels of land currently zoned: Infrastructure Airfield Zone, Employment Zone, two Conservation Zones, Local Activity Centre Zone.</p> <p>Upon review it was determined that the draft future employment land designation for Site A was incorrect and should have only captured the current extent of the land zoned ‘Suburban Neighbourhood Zone’ as currently depicted in SAPPA. The revised extent corrects this anomaly.</p>
Structure	
<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential and employment land data <p>Theme: People, housing and liveability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add key township profiles for Regional City, Major Service Centres, Supporting Service Centres Add township land supply data for Regional City, Major Service Centres, Supporting Service Centres 	<p>The context section now provides region wide and LGA level population and land supply data.</p> <p>The inclusion of the key township profiles and land supply data was in response to feedback that the Plan needed more local content and land supply data specific to the main townships within the Region.</p> <p>The inclusion of the additional sub theme – ‘Activity Centres and Retail’ and ‘Waste and resource recovery’ is based on the relevant SPP’s and provides consistency with other Regional Plans.</p>

Proposed change	Reason
<p>Theme: Productive economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a “Activity Centres and Retail” sub theme • Add a “Waste and resource recovery” sub theme <p>Theme: Transport and infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water security and integrated water management <p>Theme: Delivery and Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised “Infrastructure charging” sub theme 	<p>Content has been tailored to respond to a regional context.</p> <p>The water security and integrated water management sub theme has been revised and strengthened to better reflect regional challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>The infrastructure charging sub theme has been revised to present a more balanced, forward-looking approach with a distinct regional focus.</p>
User Experience	
Proposed change	Reason
Mapping Enhancements	A range of mapping enhancements have been made to improve user experience and visibility of key townships and attributes within the region.

7 Refer to the Minister for Planning and Local Government

On 2 October 2025 the Designated Entity approved the Code Amendment and this Engagement Report to be furnished on the Minister for Planning and Local Government.

Attachments

- 1 Copy of submissions received
- 2 Designated entity evaluation
- 3 Phase 2 visioning engagement evaluation
- 4 Participant evaluation results

Attachment 1 – Copy of submissions received

Submissions can be viewed on the PlanSA website by clicking on the links below.

https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1544595/FNRP-Community-Group-Submission.PDF

https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1544596/FNRP-Council-Submissions.PDF

https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1544597/FNRP-Federal-Government-Submissions.PDF

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https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1544601/FNRP-YourSAy-submissions.PDF

Attachment 2 – Evaluation against the Charter principles

The engagement was evaluated by the PLUS Strategic Communications Unit.

	Evaluation statement	Response options
1	The engagement reached those identified as the community of interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representatives from most community groups participated in the engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Representatives from some community groups participated in the engagement <input type="checkbox"/> There was little representation of the community groups in engagement
<p><i>Running consultation for all three regional plans at once posed challenges, particularly in avoiding engagement fatigue. To reach stakeholders effectively, a mix of tactics was used including a media release and targeted pitches, advertising, social media, in-person and online briefings, plain English materials, and accessible options like an Easy Read guide and survey.</i></p>		
2	Engagement was reviewed throughout the process and improvements put in place, or recommended for future engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed and recommendations made in a systematic way <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed but no system for making recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Not reviewed
<p><i>Engaging on all three plans at once was a unique challenge that required ongoing adjustments. Community session times and dates were changed to suit local needs and avoid clashes with other events. Extra advertising ran in regional newspapers to reach broader and more remote audiences. Social media stories were added to boost visibility, and stakeholders were regularly contacted to help share information through their networks. These changes reflect a flexible and responsive approach to community needs.</i></p>		
3	Engagement occurred early enough for feedback to genuinely influence the planning policy, strategy or scheme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaged when there was opportunity for input into scoping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaged when there was opportunity for input into first draft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaged when there was opportunity for minor edits to final draft <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged when there was no real opportunity for input to be considered

	Evaluation statement	Response options
	<p><i>The 12-week engagement period gave the community and stakeholders plenty of time to provide meaningful feedback that could impact the final version of the regional plan. This followed an earlier 12-week Stage 2 visioning phase, where key groups helped shape the Plan's vision and scope.</i></p>	
4	<p>Engagement contributed to the substance of the final plan</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In a significant way</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In a moderate way</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In a minor way</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all</p>
	<p><i>The engagement process gave community and stakeholders a strong voice in shaping the final plan. Feedback from councils, residents, state agencies, community groups, and industry highlighted local priorities and led to changes in actions and content. This input helped shape the Plan's objectives and strategies to better reflect community values and needs.</i></p>	
5	<p>Engagement provided feedback to community about outcomes of engagement</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formally (report or public forum)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Informally (closing summaries)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No feedback provided</p>
	<p><i>A What We Heard Report and engagement survey was sent to all submitters after consultation, summarising feedback and outlining input. The Section 73 Engagement Report outlines all engagement activities, includes copies of submissions, and explains how feedback was used to update the Plan. This helps the community see how their input shaped the final plan.</i></p>	
6	<p>Identify key strength of the Charter and Guide</p>	
	<p><i>A key strength of the Community Engagement Charter and Guide is its focus on inclusivity. It supported an engagement process that used a range of accessible tactics to reach a broad, and sometimes disengaged, audience encouraging public involvement and feedback</i></p>	
7	<p>Identify key challenge of the charter and Guide</p>	
	<p><i>A key challenge of the Charter and Guide is ensuring truly inclusive engagement. Running consultations for three regional plans across large and diverse areas made it difficult to reach all stakeholders effectively. Engaging young people proved challenging despite outreach to schools and youth groups, there was limited participation in online sessions and the youth survey. Similarly, First Nations engagement was not as strong as intended, highlighting the need for broader organisational improvements in how we engage with Aboriginal communities. While these groups were considered in the process, they were not always actively involved.</i></p>	

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Attachment 3 – Phase 2 (visioning) engagement

[What We Heard – Far North Visioning Workshop](#)

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What We Heard

September 2024

Far North Regional Plan Visioning Workshop

Regional plans are designated planning instruments under Section 46 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and set the long-term vision and direction for strategic planning and land use for the next 15 to 30 years. Regional plans contain clear principles for orderly development and the management of growth within a region. South Australia is split into seven proclaimed planning regions, each have their own separate plan. Regional plans are developed by the Department for Housing and Urban Development (the Department) on behalf of the State Planning Commission, taking a collaborative approach with councils, other government agencies, infrastructure organisations, industry and local communities.

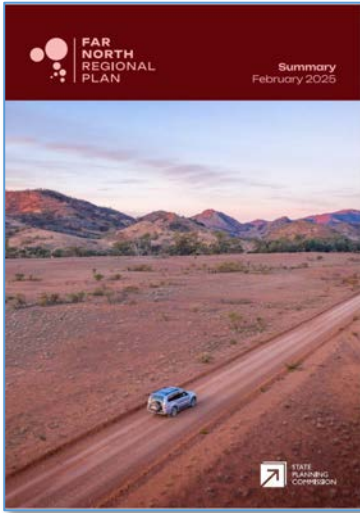
This document reflects the information collected as part of the initial stages of developing the Far

Attachment 4 – Communication material

[Northern and Western Country Regional Plans \(Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western\)](#)

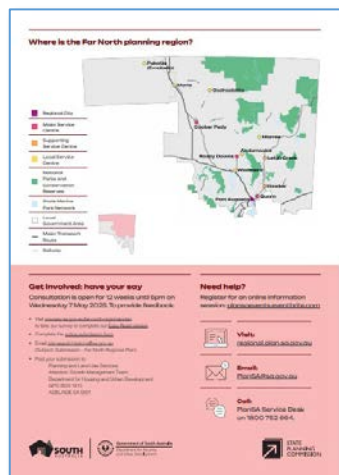
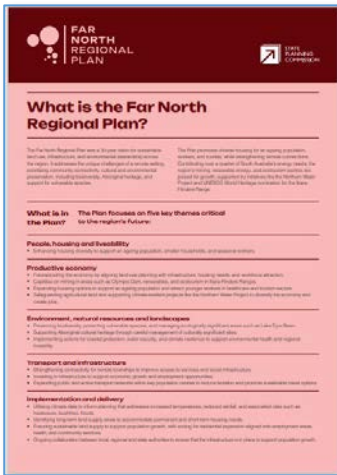
Regional Plan Summary

[Far North Regional Plan Summary](#)



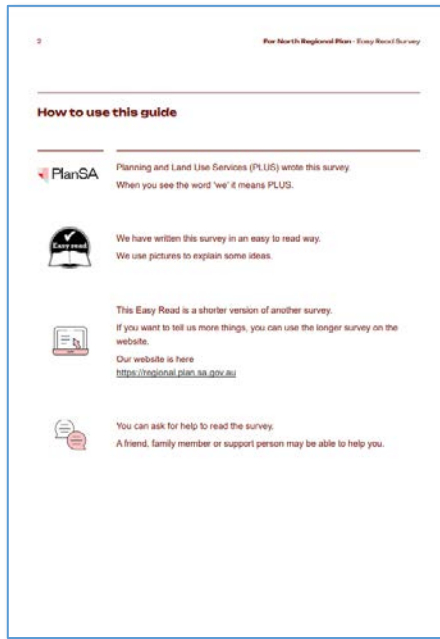
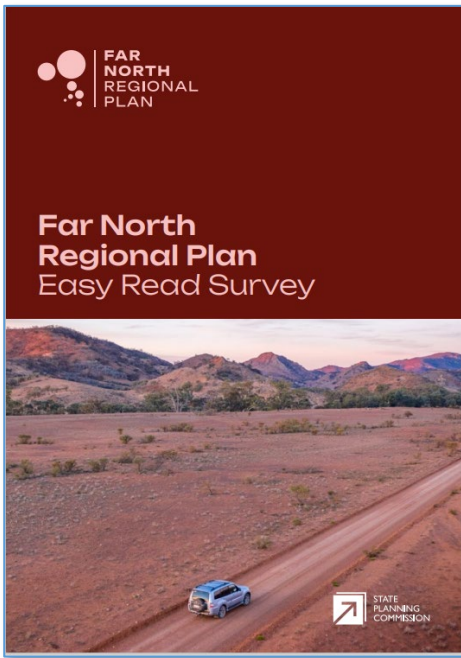
Fact sheet

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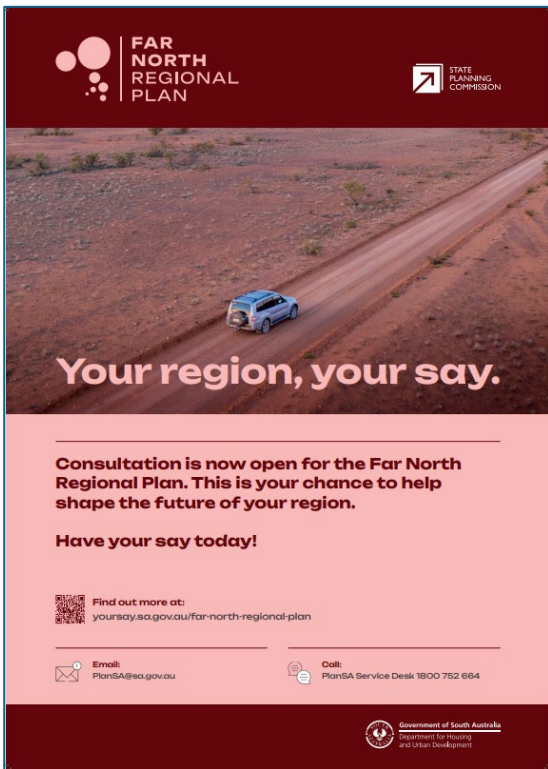


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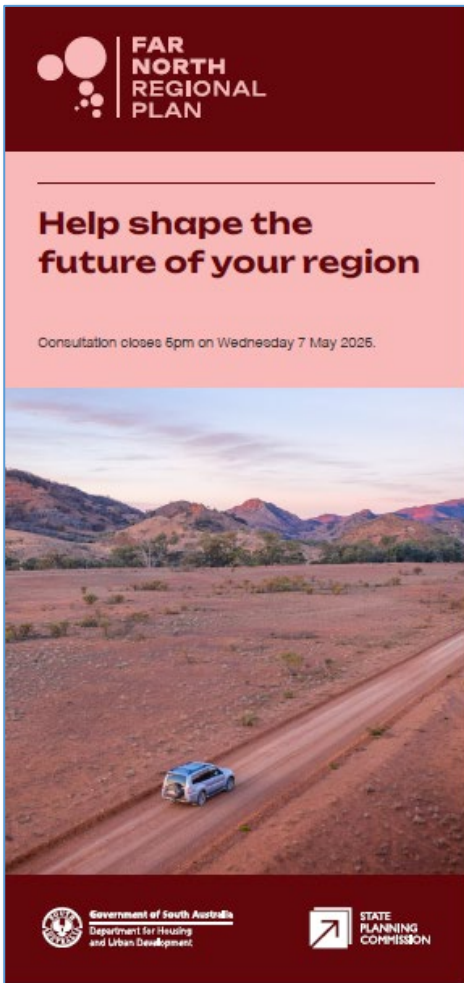
[Far North FAQs](#)



Community poster




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FAR NORTH REGIONAL PLAN

Help shape the future of your region

Consultation closes 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.



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Department for Housing and Urban Development

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What is in the Plan?

The Far North Regional Plan outlines a 15-to-30-year vision for sustainable development across the region, focusing on long-term land use, infrastructure, and environmental management.

The Plan reflects the unique challenges and opportunities of a remote setting, focusing on enhancing connections between communities and leveraging the region's potential in mining, tourism, and agriculture. Planning for this growth is essential to ensure that the region remains sustainable and prosperous.

The Plan is built around five key themes:

1. People, housing and liveability.
2. Productive economy.
3. Environment, natural resources and landscapes.
4. Transport and infrastructure.
5. Implementation and delivery.

Key priorities for consultation include:

- Providing diverse housing options for ageing residents, seasonal workers, smaller households, and tourists.
- Capitalising on opportunities in mining, renewables, agriculture, and tourism, such as those at Olympic Dam and Ikara-Flinders Ranges.
- Protecting biodiversity, cultural heritage, and ecosystems such as the Lake Eyre Basin.
- Strengthening connectivity for remote communities, including towns like William Creek and Tarcoola.
- Using climate data to mitigate risks from heatwaves, drought and extreme weather events.

Get involved

Consultation period:
Wednesday 12 February until
5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

For further information:
yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan



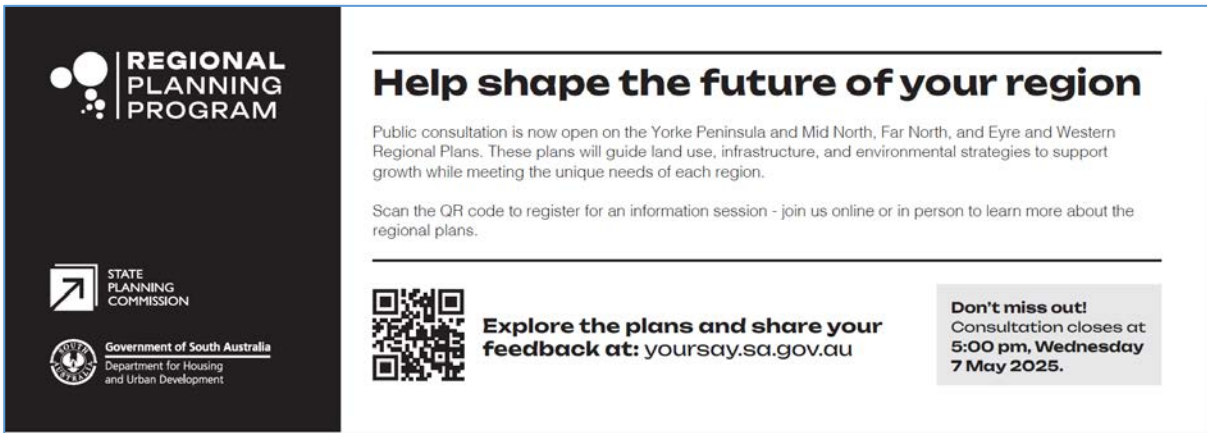
Newspaper ads – consultation open

Yorke Peninsula Country Times – 4 March 2025

Port Lincoln Times – 6 March 2025

The Recorder – 6 March 2025

Stock Journal – 6 March 2025



REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Help shape the future of your region

Public consultation is now open on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans. These plans will guide land use, infrastructure, and environmental strategies to support growth while meeting the unique needs of each region.

Scan the QR code to register for an information session - join us online or in person to learn more about the regional plans.

Explore the plans and share your feedback at: yoursay.sa.gov.au

Don't miss out!
Consultation closes at **5:00 pm, Wednesday 7 May 2025.**

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Newspaper ads – consultation closing

Yorke Peninsula Country Times – 15 April 2025

Port Lincoln Times – 17 April 2025

Whyalla News – 17 April 2025

Transcontinental – 17 April 2025

Eyre Peninsula Advocate – 17 April 2025

The Recorder – 17 April 2025

Plains Producer – 23 April 2025



REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM **STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Last chance to have your say!

Public consultation is closing soon on the **Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans**. These plans will guide future land use, infrastructure, housing, and environmental strategies – helping each region grow in ways that work for its communities.

Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard.



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Far North Regional Plan display board and handout

FAR NORTH REGIONAL PLAN

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Far North Regional Plan

The Far North is South Australia's largest geographical region, covering more than 50% of the state's land mass. Its sparsely settled landscape spans from the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, to the awe-inspiring, ancient Ikara-Flinders Ranges. Featuring most of the state's valuable mineral resources, the region is also at the forefront of renewable energy projects, generating over a quarter of the state's daily energy needs.

The Far North Regional Plan (Plan) maps the government's long-term planning vision for the region to 2051 and beyond. It provides governments, businesses, industry and not-for-profit organisations with the data and direction to better plan for and respond to growth and change in our community and towns, while achieving our conservation goals. This will be hosted on the Regional Planning Portal, a digital platform designed to be customised to meet the user's needs.

How to get involved

We invite you to provide feedback on the Far North Regional Plan. Consultation is open for 12 weeks until 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Register for an online information session
Visit planningevents.eventbrite.com

Scan to give your feedback
Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to access the YourSAy platform where you can complete the survey or submit an online submission form.

Email your submission
Send your feedback to plansubmissions@sa.gov.au
(Please use the subject: Submission - Far North Regional Plan)

Post your submission
Address your submission to:
Planning and Land Use Services
Attention: Growth Management Team
Department for Housing and Urban Development
GPO BOX 1815
ADELDAIDE SA 5001

Once consultation has concluded, feedback will be collated, summarised and the Plan will be updated. The updated Plan will be provided to the State Planning Commission for endorsement with the final version expected to be released late 2025. The Plan will be fully digital and accessible via the Regional Planning Portal.

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What is the Far North Regional Plan?

The Far North Regional Plan sets a 30-year vision for sustainable land use, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship across the region. It addresses the unique challenges of a remote setting, prioritising community connectivity, cultural and environmental preservation, including biodiversity, Aboriginal heritage, and support for vulnerable species.

The Plan promotes diverse housing for an ageing population, workers, and tourists, while strengthening remote connections. Contributing over a quarter of South Australia's energy needs, the region's mining, renewable energy, and ecotourism sectors are poised for growth, supported by initiatives like the Northern Water Project and UNESCO World Heritage nomination for the Ikara-Flinders Range.

The planning vision for the Far North region

A region of vast landscapes and rich cultural heritage, the Far North is a leader in sustainable energy, mineral exploration, and agri-business. Innovation in tourism, water security, and workforce development drives long-term prosperity.

New technologies support industry growth while protecting the region's unique environment and cultural identity. Dedicated renewable energy zones and a strong resources sector create jobs and power South Australia's future.

Safe, secure, and diverse housing is fundamental, with sustainable options supporting different lifestyles, including intergenerational living. Planning with Country, developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Elders, guides a regenerative approach to land and development.

From the rugged outback to the dramatic landscapes of Ikara-Flinders Ranges, Indigenous Protected Areas and national parks combine to attract visitors and strengthen the region's sustainable tourism industry.

Reliable water and transport networks connect industries and communities, ensuring resilience, sustainability, and opportunity for generations to come.

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Far North planning region

Population Growth Scenario (2021-2051)

Estimate	Mid	High
Total population		
2021	26,774	28,774
2051	27,026	27,828
2021 - 2051 (Total change)	-248	-946
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A snapshot of the Plan

Population summary

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Project population

Project population by age group

Housing land supply

14,519

Total dwellings

11,132 (76%)

Occupied dwellings

2.3

Average number of people per household

33

Average dwellings built every year

FAR NORTH REGIONAL PLAN

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Key themes of the Plan

People, housing and liveability

Enhancing housing diversity to support an ageing population, smaller households, and seasonal workers.

Productive economy

Futureproofing the economy by aligning land-use planning with infrastructure, housing needs, and workforce attraction.

Capitilise on mining in areas such as Olympic Dam, renewables, and ecotourism in Icara-Flinders Ranges.

Expanding housing options to support an ageing population and attract younger workers in healthcare and tourism sectors.

Safeguarding agricultural land and supporting climate-resilient projects like the Northern Water Project to diversify the economy and create jobs.

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Key themes of the Plan

Environment, natural resources and landscapes

Preserving biodiversity, protecting vulnerable species, and managing ecologically significant areas such as Lake Eyre Basin.

Supporting Aboriginal cultural heritage through careful management of culturally significant sites.

Implementing actions for coastal protection, water security, and climate resilience to support environmental health and regional liveability.

Transport and infrastructure

Strengthening connectivity for remote townships to improve access to services and social infrastructure.

Investing in infrastructure to support economic growth and employment opportunities.

Expanding public and active transport networks within key population centres to reduce isolation and promote sustainable travel options.

Implementation and delivery

Utilising climate data to inform planning that addresses increased temperatures, reduced rainfall, and associated risks such as heatwaves, bushfires, floods.

Identifying long-term land supply areas to accommodate permanent and short-term housing needs.

Ensuring sustainable land supply to support population growth, with zoning for residential expansion aligned with employment areas, health, and community services.

Ongoing collaboration between local, regional and state authorities to ensure that the infrastructure is in place to support population growth.

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Key initiatives and projects

1. BHP Olympic Dam smelter and refining expansion

Olympic Dam expansion of smelter and refining activities, with copper output to 500,000 tonnes of refined copper cathode by the early 2020s, with the potential to further expand to 850,000 tonnes by the end 2020s.

4. NeuRizer Leigh Creek Urea Production Plant

\$2.6 billion urea production plant that uses synthetic gas (syngas) produced from nearby in-situ gasification wellfield as to generate electricity for on-site use. The plant would have an initial production capacity of up to 1 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of urea, with a potential to increase to 2Mtpa, and export up to 1,200 jobs for the region.

2. BHP Oak Dam prospect

Set to be one of the largest mineral exploration programs ever undertaken in South Australia, the Oak Dam prospect will unlock further copper deposits in the highly prospective Gawler Craton to create a single copper basin amongst the world's largest.

5. Northern Water project

Two-stage, 260 megawatt (MW) desalination plant and 600 kilometre pipeline network, providing a sustainable and climate independent water supply for the Far North, Upper Spencer Gulf and eastern Eyre Peninsula regions. Final project decision expected mid-2024.

3. Santos Moomba Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project

A \$220 million project to convert natural gas to make blue hydrogen, with the Moomba CCS one of the largest and lowest cost CCS projects in the world. Potential capacity to annually store up to 20 million tonnes of CO₂.

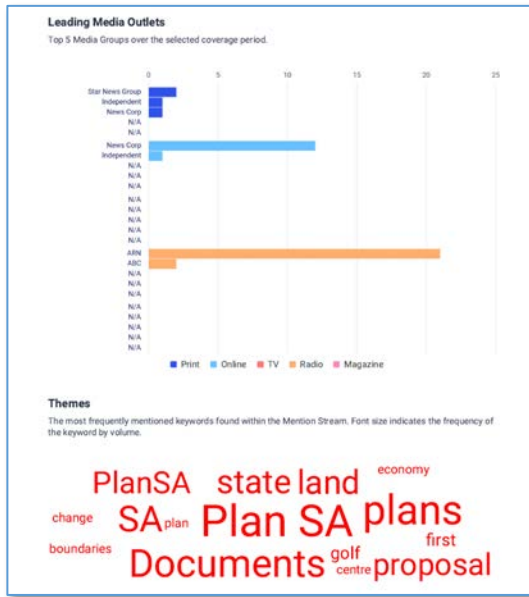
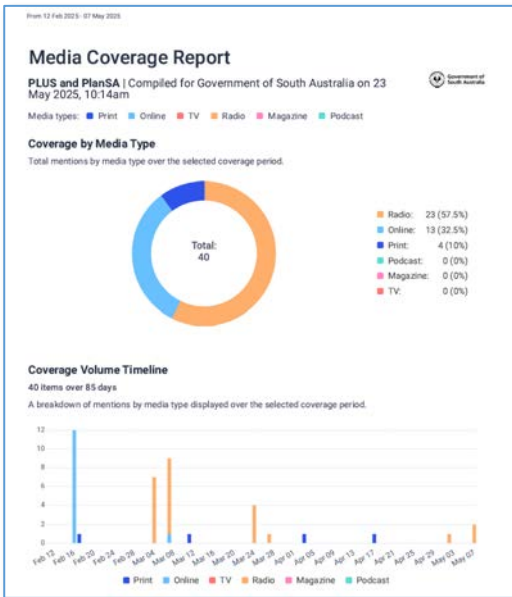
6. Flinders Ranges World Heritage Bid

The nomination of the Flinders Ranges for the World Heritage List recognises the geographic landscape as the only place on Earth where 350 million years of near-continuous geological sequence can be seen, demonstrating the rise of a habitable planet and the dawn of animal life. Benefits of the listing include enhanced protection of the natural environment and cultural sites, greater regional economic development, and increased tourism opportunities and visitation.

Media coverage

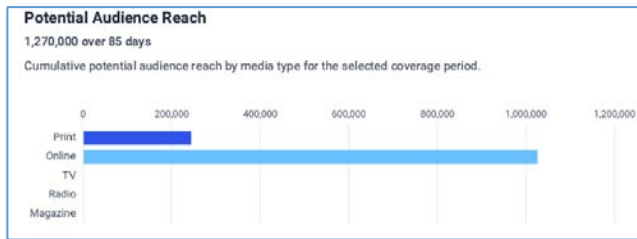
Ministerial media release Wednesday 12 February 2025: [Have your say on the future of South Australia's regions](#)

Media coverage report



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#1 The Recorder	1	#1 Geelong Advertiser	1
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Wednesday 12 February, ABC SA Regional Drive, Minister Champion.

Tuesday 4 March 2025, ABC North and West, James Szabo.

Friday 7 March 2025, ABC Eyre and West, Craig Holden.

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Housing will form a key part of each of the three regional plans. (Jack O'Halloran). 459290.

REGION - The State Planning Commission is encouraging all South Australians to help shape the future of their region, by [...]

The Transcontinental, Thursday 20th February 2025

Have your say on long-term regional plan

REGION - The State Planning Commission is encouraging all South Australians to help shape the future of their region, by seeking feedback for three new country regional plans.

The Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans will play an important role in guiding sustainable growth by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure over a 15 to 30-year period.

The new plans will outline the location of new housing developments, employment areas, how services will be delivered in each region and the necessary infrastructure required, all the while exploring different growth scenarios.

State Planning Commission chair Craig Holden said it was essential that communities, industries and stakeholders within regional areas have a say in shaping these plans.

"We are proud to support the State Government's Housing Roadmap with the launch of these three country regional plans, designed to help deliver more homes for regional South Australians," Mr Holden said.

"Each plan reflects the unique characteristics of its region, addressing the distinct needs of communities, environments and economies across vast areas and diverse townships."

The Yorke Peninsula and Mid North regional plan, which includes Port Pirie, is preparing for a 38.3 per cent population growth by 2054 and aims to deliver diverse housing for a changing population.

The Far North regional plan includes Port Augusta, Quorn and Hawker and will aim to capitalise on opportunities in mining, renewables and agriculture.

Further priorities will include protecting biodiversity and cultural heritage, and using climate data to mitigate risks from heat and extreme weather.

Stretching from the far west coast to Whyalla, the Eyre and Western regional plan will look to provide housing options for ageing populations and seasonal workers.

The plan will also focus on developing Whyalla as an economic hub by ensuring there is adequate infrastructure in place for growth.

"By gathering input from a broad range of people, we can ensure that each plan reflects local priorities and sets a clear vision for the future," Mr Holden said.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development Nick Champion said that each of the three regions are vital to South Australia's economic growth and will be drivers of industry in the years to come.

"The three new country regional plans aim to grow economies and populations, protect environmental and cultural assets, and create new opportunities for sustainable development," Mr Champion said.

"This is important work to plan for the long-term future of our regions which are integral to our state's future."

The three regional plans can be viewed online where the public will be able to share their feedback.

Public consultation will close at 5pm on Wednesday, May 7 with the Plans to be finalised in late 2025.

Eyre Peninsula Advocate, Thursday 20 February 2025

Plan feedback wanted

South Australians are being invited to shape the future of their region, with public consultation now open for three new country regional plans - including for Eyre and Western.

The State Planning Commission is seeking feedback on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western regional plans.

These plans play an important role in guiding sustainable growth by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure over a 15 to 30-year period.

They outline where new housing and employment areas will be located, how services will be delivered, and what infrastructure is needed while exploring different growth scenarios.

The state government said planning for this growth and change was essential to ensure the regions remained sustainable and prosperous.

Key priorities in the Eyre and Western Regional Plan are:

- Provide housing options for ageing populations and seasonal workers.
- Develop Whyalla, Ceduna and Port Lincoln as economic hubs and ensure infrastructure is in place for growth.
- Expand tourism infrastructure to meet growing visitor demand.
- Support seafood, livestock and agricultural industries to tackle climate, water and freight challenges.
- Improve transport connectivity for major centres and smaller townships.

Urban Development Minister Nick Champion said the three regional plans aimed to grow economies and populations, protect environmental and cultural assets, and create new opportunities for sustainable development.

"This is important work to plan for the long-term future of our regions which are integral to our state's future," he said.

"These regions are vital to South Aus-

tralia's economy, driving industries such as tourism, renewable energy, agriculture, aquaculture and mining."

State Planning Commission chairperson Craig Holden said it was proud to support the state government's Housing Roadmap with the launch of the three regional plans, which were designed to help deliver more homes for regional South Australians.

"Each plan reflects the unique characteristics of its region, addressing the distinct needs of communities, environments and economies across vast areas and diverse townships," he said.

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The plans can be viewed at regional.plan.sa.gov.au

Feedback on the Eyre and Western Regional Plan can be shared at yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan

Consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday, May 7, with the plans to be finalised late 2025.



Urban Development Minister Nick Champion said the regional plans were important for the long-term future of the regions. (File)

Plains Producer, Wednesday 19th February 2025

Have your say on future of the Mid North



Consultation is open on draft plans for the region's future (Supplied: SAPEC)

Public consultation is now open for three new country regional plans, with people across the state being asked to have their say on the future of their region.

The State Planning Commission is seeking feedback on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western regional plans. These Regional plans play an important role in guiding sustainable growth by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure across a 15 to 30-year period.

They outline where new housing and employment areas will be located, how services will be delivered, and what infrastructure is needed while exploring different growth scenarios.

Planning for this growth and change is essential to ensure regions remain sustainable and prosperous. The Yorke Peninsula and Mid North region covers about 36,000 square kilometres, with the regional plan mapping the government's long-term planning vision for the region to 2051 and beyond.

It provides governments, businesses, industry and not-for-profit organisations with the data and direction to better plan for and respond to growth and change in our community and towns, while also working to achieve conservation goals.

Key priorities identified for the region include preparations for a 28.3 per cent population increase by 2051 driven by growth in tourism, agriculture and mining. Delivering diverse housing near employment hubs like Port Pirie and Clare for a changing population including smaller households, and seasonal workers. Supporting the economic growth and investment including critical mineral extraction and processing, boosting primary industries through value adding and sustainable land practices; and upgrading transport infrastructure to improve access to services and support regional growth.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development Nick Champion MP said it was important to plan for the long-term future of regions, which was integral to the state's future.

"These regions are vital to South Australia's economy, driving industries such as tourism, renewable energy, agriculture, aquaculture, and mining," he said.

"Regional plans aim to grow economies and populations, protect environmental and cultural assets, and create new opportunities for sustainable development."

Timely supply of housing is one of the priorities for the Yorke Peninsula and Mid

North region, given the rising demand, developmentally land supply and affordability.

The plan looks to identify land and long-term infrastructure needs to support sustainable growth within the region, and highlights how these changes can be accommodated across a 30-year period.

State Planning Commission chairperson Craig Holden said each plan reflected the unique characteristics of its region, addressing the distinct needs of communities, environments and economies across vast areas and diverse townships.

"It is essential that communities, industry and stakeholders have a say in shaping these plans," he said.

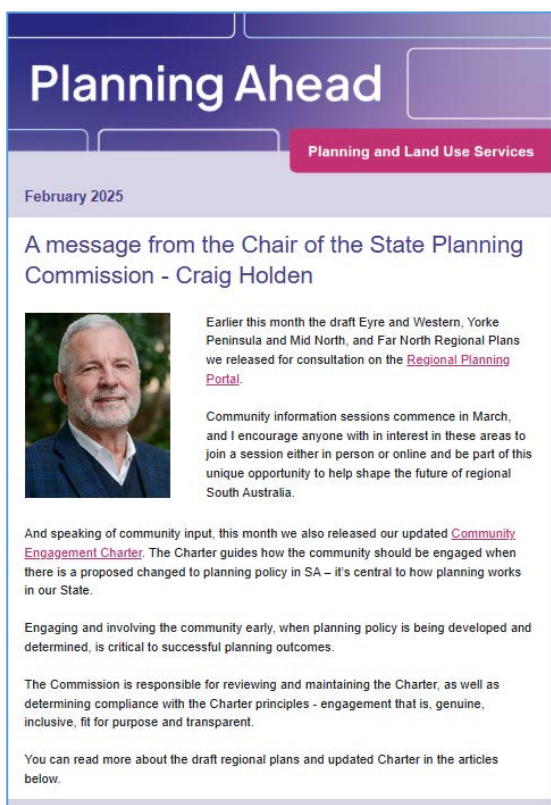
"By gathering input from a broad range of people we can ensure that each plan reflects local priorities and sets a clear vision for the future."

The Plans can be viewed at regional.plan.sa.gov.au and people can share feedback at yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan

Consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday, May 7. Plans will be finalised in late 2025.


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A message from the Chair of the State Planning Commission - Craig Holden



Earlier this month the draft Eyre and Western, Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, and Far North Regional Plans we released for consultation on the [Regional Planning Portal](#).

Community information sessions commence in March, and I encourage anyone with an interest in these areas to join a session either in person or online and be part of this unique opportunity to help shape the future of regional South Australia.


And speaking of community input, this month we also released our updated [Community Engagement Charter](#). The Charter guides how the community should be engaged when there is a proposed change to planning policy in SA – it's central to how planning works in our State.

Engaging and involving the community early, when planning policy is being developed and determined, is critical to successful planning outcomes.

The Commission is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the Charter, as well as determining compliance with the Charter principles - engagement that is, genuine, inclusive, fit for purpose and transparent.

You can read more about the draft regional plans and updated Charter in the articles below.

Country regional plans – consultation now open



Be part of shaping your region's future

Public consultation is now open for the Eyre and Western, Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, and Far North Regional Plans. This is your opportunity to help shape the long-term vision for some of South Australia's most unique regions.

These comprehensive regional plans outline strategies for land use, infrastructure, and environmental management over the next 30 years, supporting sustainable growth and addressing the unique challenges each region faces.

The Plans focus on:

- enhancing connectivity for remote communities
- building resilience for a sustainable future
- futureproofing the economy by growing industries such as energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, agriculture and aquaculture
- safeguarding the region's unique biodiversity
- ensuring there is the infrastructure and housing needed to support thriving communities.

Why your voice matters

Collaboration is at the heart of these Plans. Input from stakeholders including industry, government, and the community, is essential to ensure the Plans reflect the specific needs of each region.

This is the chance to contribute to the future of these regions. Whether you're passionate about the environment, the economy, or have ideas about housing and infrastructure, your feedback is important.

Join our online information sessions to hear directly from our team about the Plan and learn how you can have your say.

To register for a session, explore the Plan, or submit your feedback, visit:

- [Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan](#)
- [Far North Regional Plan](#)
- [Eyre and Western Regional Plan](#)

Consultation closes at 5:00pm on **Wednesday 7 May 2025**.

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Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Plans - consultation closing soon

Time is running out to have your say on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and the Eyre and Western Regional Plans. The public consultation period is ending soon, so don't miss your chance to ensure that these plans reflect the needs and aspirations of your community.

Explore the plans and submit your feedback via the links below:

- [Eyre and Western Regional Plan](#)
- [Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan](#)
- [Far North Regional Plan](#)

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Planning for South Australia's regions

Consultation is now open to shape the long-term future of South Australia's country regions.

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Planning for South Australia's regions

The State Planning Commission, in partnership with Planning and Land Use Services, is developing three new regional plans to help shape the long-term future of South Australia's country regions.

Consultation is now open for the Eyre and Western, Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, and Far North Regional Plans. These Plans will guide how we strengthen regional communities, support key industries, and ensure we plan for a connected, livable, and sustainable future.

Each region has unique character, opportunities, and challenges, so we're working closely with stakeholders and communities to develop plans that reflect the specific needs of each region.

About the Plans

Some key priorities to support each region's long-term growth include:

- **Connecting communities** – improving transport and digital access in rural and remote areas.
- **Growing the economy** – supporting mining, energy, agriculture, tourism, and aquaculture industries.
- **Building resilience** – planning for environmental challenges and future economic shifts.
- **Protecting biodiversity** – safeguarding unique landscapes and natural resources.
- **Strengthening infrastructure and housing** – ensuring communities have the services, housing, and facilities they need to thrive.

Why consultation matters

The success of these Plans depends on collaboration with industry, government, councils, and the community. This feedback will help refine the Plans to ensure they align with local needs and aspirations.

We are seeking input on five key themes:

- People, housing, and livability
- Productive economy
- Environment, natural resources, and landscapes
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Implementation and delivery

Have your say

We encourage you to get involved, whether you have ideas about economic development, environmental sustainability, housing, or transport.

Join an online information session to learn more and share your thoughts: <http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com>

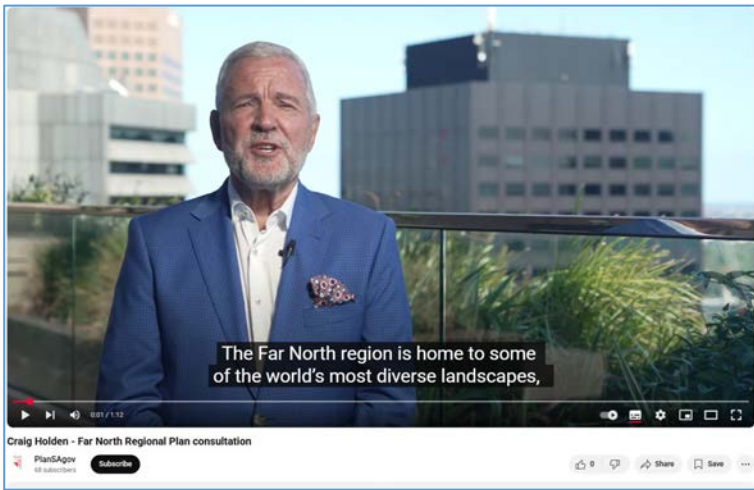
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- **Eyre and Western Regional Plan:** yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan

Consultation is open until 5:00pm on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 and we look forward to your input.

SPC chair video

[Far North Regional Plan](#)



YourSay

[Far North Regional Plan Visioning](#)

Far North Regional Plan Visioning

Consultation has concluded. Thanks for your contributions.

We are seeking stakeholder feedback to help inform the development of a new Regional Plan for the Far North region.

What's being prepared?

Regional plans play a significant role in identifying land use and long-term infrastructure needs to support sustainable growth within the regions of South Australia. They highlight how these important changes can be accommodated over a 15 to 30-year period, by investigating and guiding:

- where houses and employment land will go
- how housing and population will be serviced
- what infrastructure is needed and how it will be provided; and
- different growth scenarios (and implications for these scenarios).

To help guide the development of the draft Far North Regional Plan, we want to hear about what issues and opportunities you see for land use planning, infrastructure and the public realm, as well as what you think is needed to support sustainable growth within the region.

The South Australian Planning Commission (the Commission) will work collaboratively with council, key stakeholders and the community throughout the preparation of the draft Far North Regional Plan Regional Plan to identify the vision and priorities for the region, and to complement the range of strategic work already completed or being undertaken by council.

Background

In initiating the development of a new regional plan for the Far North region, the Commission has identified that the new plan will include:

- a long-term vision for the region, along with supporting targets and actions for land use, transport infrastructure and the public realm
- maps and spatial plans that are relevant to the vision and priorities
- contextual information about the region, including forward projections and statistical data and analysis.
- recommendations about the application of the Planning and Design Code in the region, including future zoning and infrastructure needs, and how land can be developed.

Lifecycle

- 1. **Open**
Feedback for the Visioning Workshop is open for contributions until 5pm on the 4th of September 2023. Information provided will be used to help inform the draft regional plan, with a period of community consultation to follow in early-2024.
- 2. **Under Review**
Feedback provided will be reviewed and used to help inform the draft Far North Regional Plan.
- 3. **Final report**
A What We Heard Report highlighting the feedback received during the Visioning Workshop can now be found in the 'Documents' section of this website.

Documents

- 1. Proposal to Initiate the Preparation of the Far North Regional Plan
- 2. Far North Regional Plan Engagement Plan
- 3. Fact Sheet - Far North Regional Plan Preparation
- 4. Far North Planning Region Map

Far North Regional Plan

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Far North Regional Plan

Consultation has concluded
Consultation has now concluded.

What's being decided?

The State Planning Commission (the Commission) has released the [Far North Regional Plan](#) (the Plan) and want to hear from community, councils and industry on how we sustainably prepare for future growth.

The Plan will address:

- population growth by ensuring land supply
- managing appropriate expansion of the region's towns and smaller settlements and providing a range of available housing options near existing employment lands
- health and community services
- diverse housing options to meet the needs of an ageing population, attract skilled workers, and provide for single-person

Key Dates

- 1. Consultation opens
12 February 2025
- 2. Far North Regional Plan - Community Drop-in Session - Pt Augusta
02 April 2025
- 3. Far North Regional Plan - Community Drop-in Session - Pt Augusta
02 April 2025
- 4. Far North Regional Plan - Online Community Info Session
09 April 2025

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Eyre and Western Regional Plan

Share your views on how we can sustainably prepare for future growth in the region. Your feedback will provide guidance to identify requirements for the region's infrastructure and housing, as well as how to support growing communities, safeguard biodiversity, increase job and economic opportunities, and compatible land uses for the region's long-term prosperity and liveability.

[Find out more](#)



Far North Regional Plan

We want to hear from you on the draft Far North Regional Plan which provides a framework for land use, infrastructure, and environmental management over the next 30 years to support sustainable growth. This consultation will play an important role in guiding ways to boost the region's economy by ensuring land, infrastructure and houses needed for growth are in place.

[Find out more](#)

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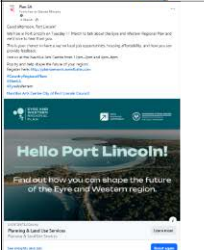
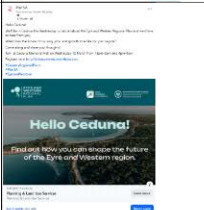

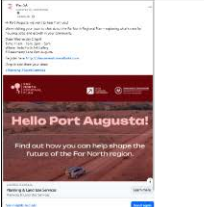



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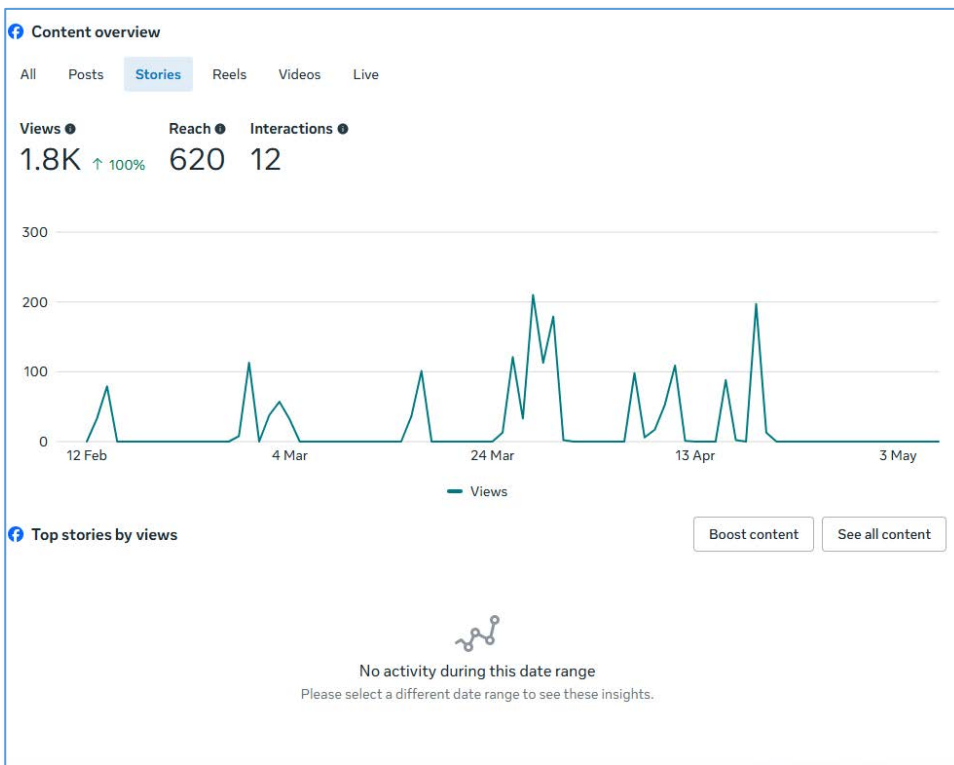
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<p>We want to hear from you! Do you have ideas of how you would like to see your region grow and develop? We're seeking your input on the regional plans that will guide the long-term growth of your community. These plans will set the vision for housing, jobs, infrastructure, and the environment – so your voice matters!</p> <p>Consultation is now open for the regional plans for: - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North - Far North - Eyre and Western.</p> <p>To have share your ideas visit: Yorke Peninsula and Mid North: yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan Far North: yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan Eyre and Western: yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	12/02/2025		34586	12161	191
<p>Have your say and help shape the future of our regions! We've created an Easy Read Guide and Survey for the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans. These resources are designed to be accessible, with summaries presented in an easy-to-read format - complete with pictures!</p> <p>Check them out today and share your thoughts today: - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan - Far North Regional Plan: https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	21/02/2025		38086	10789	62
<p>Do you live in the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, or Eyre and Western region? Now is your chance to have you say on the country regional plans! These plans focus on protecting what makes your region special while ensuring there is room for future growth. Now is your time to have your say and directly influence how your communities grow and thrive.</p> <p>Share your thoughts here: - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4bhwvE - Far North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	26/02/2025		2865	1474	19
<p>Hello Kadina! We're heading your way on Wednesday 5th March to chat about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. Come along and share your thoughts on job growth, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback. We'll be at Copper Coast Council from 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm. Pop by and help shape the future of your region! Register: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/ #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	28/02/2025		41653	24952	103
<p>Hello Clare! We're in town on Tuesday 4 March to chat about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. Pop by to share your thoughts on job growth, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback. We'll be at Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council from 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm. Come along, say hello, and help shape the future of your region. Register your attendance here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/ Department for Housing and Urban Development #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	28/02/2025		31798	18553	113
<p>We're coming to Clare tomorrow! Don't forget! Join us on Tuesday 4 March to have your say on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. We'll be chatting about job growth, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback—and we want to hear from you! Barbara J Long Function Room, 229 Main North Rd, Clare 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm Pop by, say hello, and help shape the future of your region! Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	3/03/2025		9018	7354	11

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<p>Hello residents of Port Lincoln and Ceduna! We're heading your way to chat about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan. We will be in Port Lincoln on Tuesday 11 March from 12pm-2pm, and 4pm-6pm, at the Nautilus Arts Centre, City of Port Lincoln Council. We will be in Ceduna on Wednesday 12 March from 12pm-2pm, and 4pm-6pm, at Memorial Hall, District Council of Ceduna. To register visit: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/ Come along, share your thoughts and help shape the future of your region! We look forward to meeting you. For more details about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan, head to: https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan</p>	<p>4/03/2025</p>		<p>32457</p>	<p>10310</p>	<p>50</p>
<p>Good afternoon, Port Lincoln! We'll be in Port Lincoln on Tuesday 11 March to talk about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan and we'd love to hear from you. This is your chance to have a say on local job opportunities, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback. Join us at the Nautilus Arts Centre from 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6pm. Pop by and help shape the future of your region! Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com #CountryRegionalPlans #PlanSA #Eyre&Western Nautilus Arts Centre City of Port Lincoln Council Hello Ceduna!</p>	<p>8/03/2025</p>		<p>16442</p>	<p>7328</p>	<p>38</p>
<p>We'll be in Ceduna this Wednesday to talk all about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan and we'd love to hear from you. What does the future of housing, jobs, and growth look like for your region? Come along and share your thoughts! Join at Ceduna Memorial Hall on Wednesday 12 March from 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6pm. Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com #CountryRegionalPlans #PlanSA #EyreandWestern</p>	<p>8/03/2025</p>		<p>13898</p>	<p>6967</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>Do you know a young person with big ideas for their community? We're inviting young people to join our online information session and learn about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, the Far North, and the Eyre and Western Regional Plans. This is their chance to help shape key issues like jobs, housing, cultural heritage, and the environment. If you know someone who would be keen to get involved, share this with them! It's their future, so why not let them help shape it? Register here: https://bit.ly/4itUeGz Consultation closes 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025. #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	<p>19/03/2025</p>		<p>30703</p>	<p>14043</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Hi Port Augusta, we want to hear from you! We're visiting your town to chat about the Far North Regional Plan – exploring what's next for housing, jobs, and growth in your community. Date: Wednesday 2 April Time: 11am – 1pm, 3pm – 5pm Where: Yarla Puriti Art Gallery 6 Beauchamp Lane Port Augusta Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com Drop in and share your ideas! #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	<p>20/03/2025</p>		<p>33798</p>	<p>11146</p>	<p>98</p>

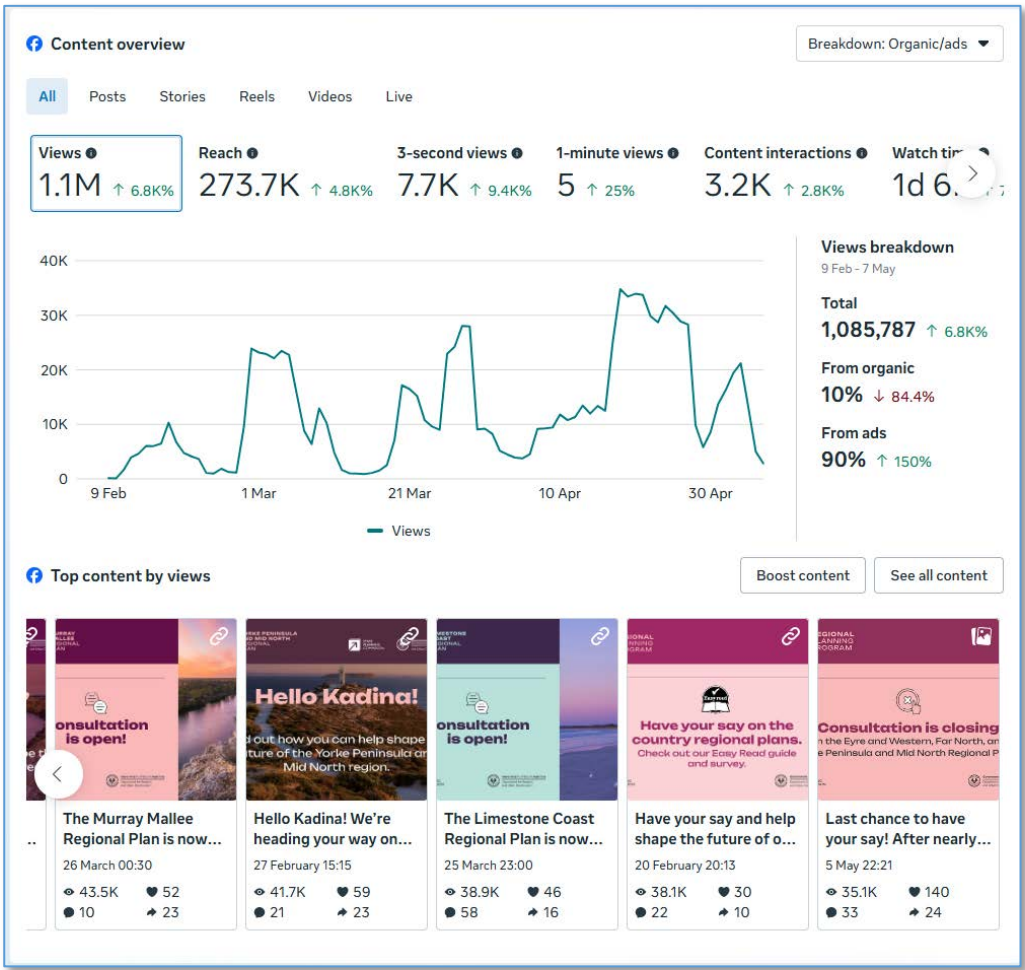
<p>Hello Whyalla! We're excited to be visiting your town to chat about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan, including what is next for housing, jobs, the environment and growth in your region. Date: Tuesday 1 April Time: 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm. Where: Vicki Ledo Room, Whyalla Public Library, 19 Okblom Street, Whyalla Norrie. Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com Look forward to seeing you then! #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	20/03/2025		27671	9835	93
<p>Hello Port Pirie! We're coming to your town to chat about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan - shaping the future of housing, jobs, and growth in your region. Date: Thursday 3 April Time: 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm. Where: Port Pirie Regional Council, 115 Ellen Street Port Pirie Register here: http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com Come along and share your thoughts! #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	20/03/2025		33984	11003	86
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<p>Sign up to our Planning Ahead newsletter here https://plan.sa.gov.au/news #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlans</p>	10/04/2025		613	381	2
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<p>It's the final countdown! Just one week to go! Consultation on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans will close at 5pm on Wednesday 7 May. Have ideas on how to improve the region? Let us know by visiting: • Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4bhwfvE • Far North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz • Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kuOn0b #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	30/04/2025		11952	6991	591
<p>Last chance to have your say! After nearly 12 weeks, consultation on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans is wrapping up this Wednesday at 5pm. There is still time to have your voice heard so don't miss out! Share your thoughts and help shape the future of our region. To have your say visit: • Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4bhwfvE • Far North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz • Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kuOn0b #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	6/05/2025		35080	25267	197

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St Patrick's Day 17/3/2025	Feeling lucky? Make sure you have a say on the country regional plans. You never know, your ideas could be the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! regional.plan.sa.gov.au
28/3/2025	USG road trips
AFL Gather Round 10/4/2025	Don't sit on the sidelines! Help us kick goals by having a say on the country regional plans. regional.plan.sa.gov.au
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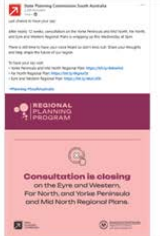
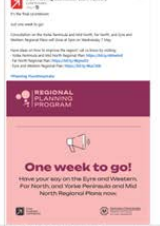
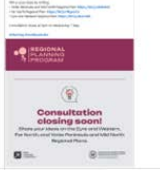

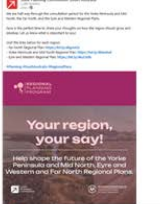
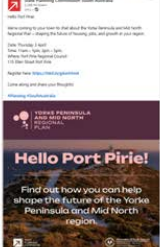


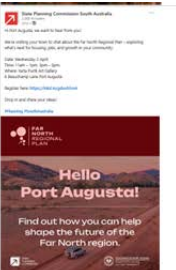

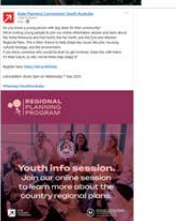
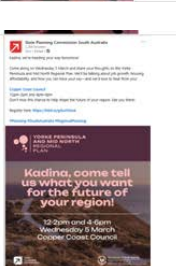
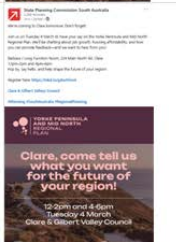
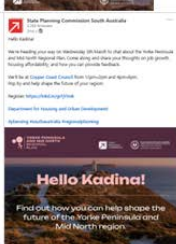
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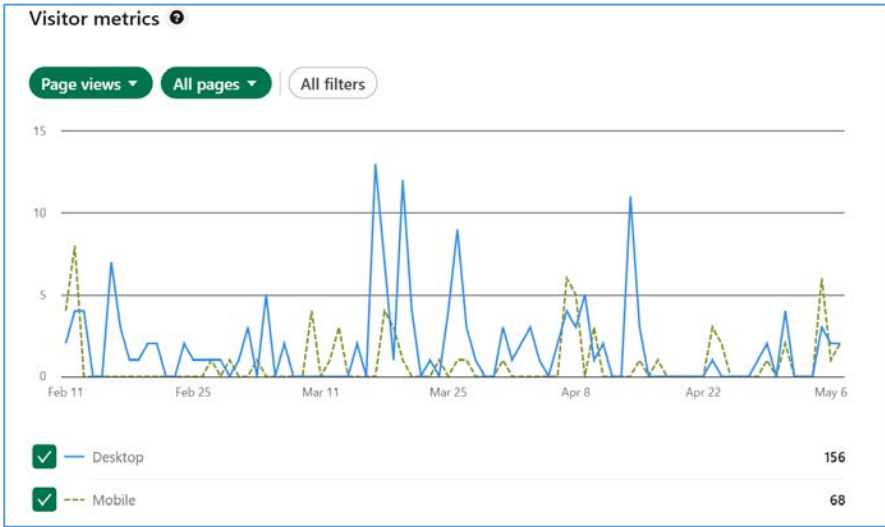
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<p>Want to keep up to date with what is happening with the country regional plans?</p> <p>You'll also be updated on news from the broader planning and development sector including changes to the planning system.</p> <p>Sign up to our Planning Ahead newsletter here https://lnkd.in/gpAUrVm</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p> <p>We are half way through the consultation period for the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, the Far North, and the Eyre and Western Regional Plans.</p> <p>Now is the perfect time to share your thoughts on how the region should grow and develop. Let us know what is important to you!</p> <p>Visit the links below for each region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Far North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4bhwvE - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlans</p>		9/04/2025	190	1
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<p>Hi Port Augusta, we want to hear from you!</p> <p>We're visiting your town to chat about the Far North Regional Plan – exploring what's next for housing, jobs, and growth in your community.</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 2 April Time: 11am – 1pm, 3pm – 5pm. Where: Yarta Purlti Art Gallery 6 Beauchamp Lane Port Augusta</p> <p>Register here: https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</p> <p>Drop in and share your ideas!</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia Hello Whyalla!</p>		20/03/2025	213	2
<p>We're excited to be visiting your town to chat about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan, including what is next for housing, jobs, the environment and growth in your region.</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 1 April Time: 11am – 1pm, 3pm – 5pm. Where: Vicki Ledo Room, Whyalla Public Library, 19 Ekblom Street, Whyalla Norrie.</p> <p>Register here: https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4 Look forward to seeing you then!</p>		20/03/2025	365	6
<p>Do you know a young person with big ideas for their community? We're inviting young people to join our online information session and learn about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, the Far North, and the Eyre and Western Regional Plans. This is their chance to help shape key issues like jobs, housing, cultural heritage, and the environment. If you know someone who would be keen to get involved, share this with them! It's their future, so why not let them help shape it?</p> <p>Register here: https://bit.ly/4ifJeGz</p> <p>Consultation closes 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.</p>		19/03/2025	249	4
<p>Kadina, we're heading your way tomorrow!</p> <p>Come along on Wednesday 5 March and share your thoughts on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. We'll be talking about job growth, housing affordability, and how you can have your say—and we'd love to hear from you!</p> <p>Copper Coast Council 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm Don't miss this chance to help shape the future of your region. See you there!</p> <p>Register here: https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</p>		3/03/2025	203	0
<p>We're coming to Clare tomorrow! Don't forget!</p> <p>Join us on Tuesday 4 March to have your say on the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. We'll be chatting about job growth, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback—and we want to hear from you!</p> <p>Barbara J Long Function Room, 229 Main North Rd, Clare 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm Pop by, say hello, and help shape the future of your region!</p> <p>Register here: https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</p>		03/03/2025	187	1
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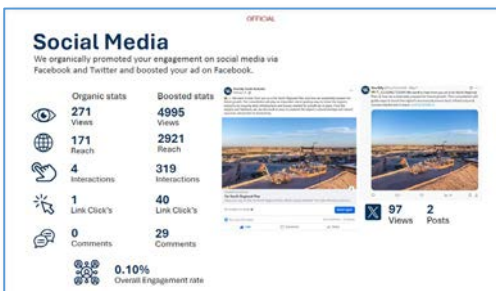
<p>Hello Clare!</p> <p>We're in town on Tuesday 4 March to chat about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan. Pop by to share your thoughts on job growth, housing affordability, and how you can provide feedback.</p> <p>We'll be at Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council from 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm. Come along, say hello, and help shape the future of your region!</p> <p>Register your attendance here: https://lnkd.in/gfJYirmk</p> <p>#RegionalPlanning #Planning #SouthAustralia</p> <p>The State Planning Commission South Australia is taking our Regional Planning Program on the road next week with community information sessions to be held in Clare and Kadina.</p> <p>The draft regional plans for Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Eyre and Western, and Far North are all open for consultation currently, and we want to hear from community, industry, stakeholders and councils.</p> <p>Commission members Lisa Teburea and David O'Loughlin GAICD will be in Clare on Tuesday 4 March and Commission Chair Craig Holden will be in Kadina on Wednesday 5 March, along with the Planning team from Planning and Land Use Services.</p> <p>We encourage you to come along and learn more about the proposed future of your region and to provide your feedback: https://lnkd.in/gKz_JA6</p> <p>For all information on the three regional plans, including how to have your say, please visit: https://lnkd.in/gbBcuRyC</p> <p>Copper Coast Council, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, Department for Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>#regionalplanning #planning #southaustralia</p>		<p>27/02/2025</p>	<p>239</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Do you live in the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, or Eyre and Western region? Now is your chance to have your say on the country regional plans!</p> <p>These plans focus on protecting what makes your region special while ensuring there is room for future growth.</p> <p>Now is your time to have your say and directly influence how your communities grow and thrive.</p> <p>Share your thoughts here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4bwhwE Far North Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>		<p>27/02/2025</p>	<p>773</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Have your say and help shape the future of our regions!</p> <p>We've created an Easy Read Guide and Survey for the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans.</p> <p>These resources are designed to be accessible, with summaries presented in an easy-to-read format - complete with pictures!</p> <p>Check them out and share your thoughts today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/gRsg3cFC Far North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/g4pW4Kkt Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/gIDBMtqr <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning #CommunityEngagement</p> <p>Public consultation is now open for three regional plans from the Regional Planning Program - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for community, industry and stakeholders to provide invaluable insight and feedback, and help the State Planning Commission South Australia set a decades-long vision for the three regions.</p> <p>The Regional Plans guide sustainable growth by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure over a 15 to 30-year period. They outline where new housing and employment areas will be located, how services will be delivered, and what infrastructure is needed while exploring different growth scenarios.</p> <p>There are numerous community and industry events at which you can learn more, consultation is open until 7 May. We look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>The Plans can be viewed on the Regional Planning Portal: https://lnkd.in/gfbrhbhh</p> <p>All consultation details, supporting information, and the opportunities to provide feedback can be found on YourSAy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/gRsg3cFC Far North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/g4pW4Kkt Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/gIDBMtqr <p>#planning #southaustralia #regionalplanning #sustainablegrowth #housing #employment #infrastructure</p> <p>Craig Holden, Lisa Teburea, David O'Loughlin GAICD, Stephanie Johnston, John Stimson, Marc Voortman, Sally Smith, Brett Steiner, James Szabo</p>		<p>26/02/2025</p>	<p>257</p>	<p>1</p>
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<p>The State Planning Commission South Australia Regional Planning Program hits another important milestone today with the release of three draft regional plans - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, and Eyre and Western Regional Plans.</p> <p>The Commission is seeking input from community, industry and stakeholders on the draft plans, and help shape the future of the regions.</p> <p>The Regional Plans play an important role in guiding sustainable growth by identifying land use and long-term infrastructure over a 15 to 30-year period. They outline where new housing and employment areas will be located, how services will be delivered, and what infrastructure is needed while exploring different growth scenarios.</p> <p>The Plans can be viewed here: https://lnkd.in/gfbrhbhH</p> <p>The public can share their feedback here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/gRsg3cFC - Far North Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/g4pW4Kkt - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: https://lnkd.in/giDBMtqr <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>		<p>11/02/2025</p>	<p>1196</p>	<p>32</p>

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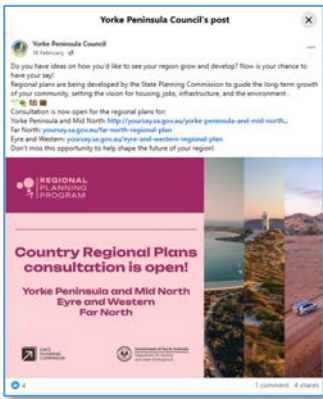


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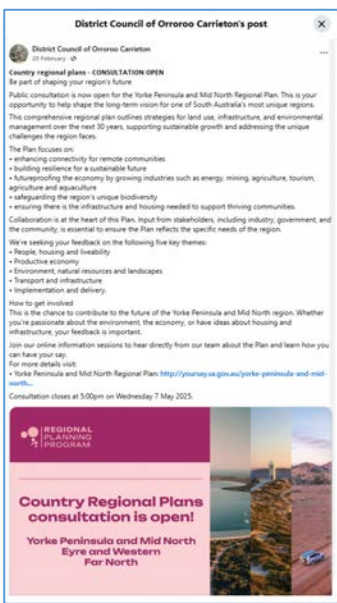
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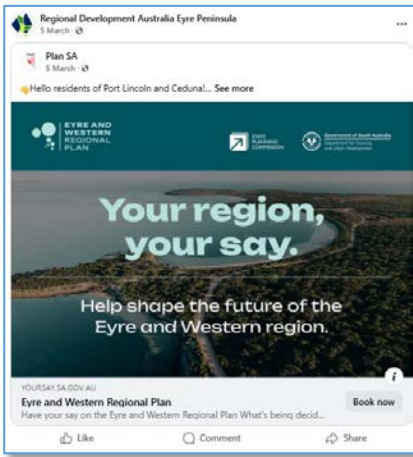
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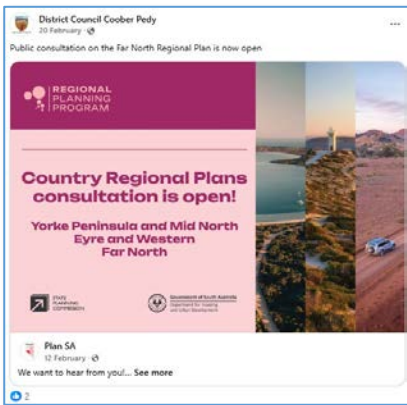
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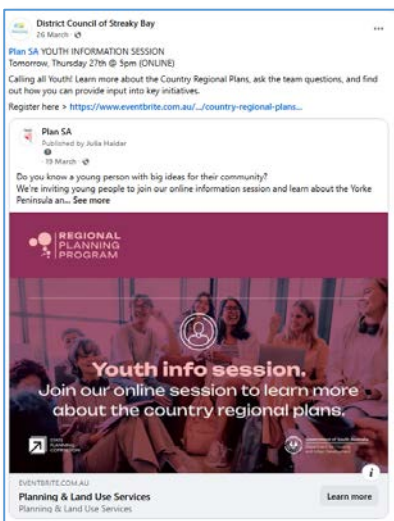
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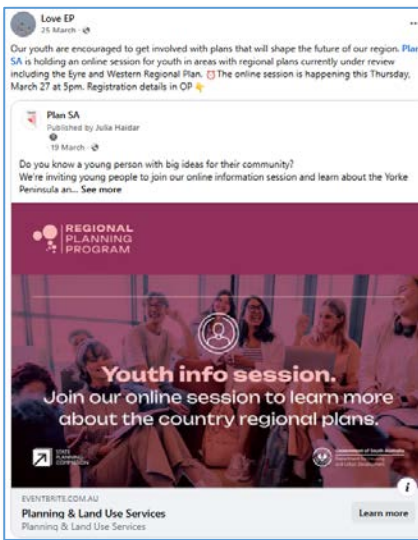
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