



## Far North Regional Plan Preparation

### Overview

The State Planning Commission (the Commission), supported by Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) of the Department for Trade and Investment, is commencing preparation of a new regional plan for the Far North region. The regional plan will spatially map the South Australian Government's long-term vision for growth in the Far North region.

Regional plans play a significant role in identifying land and long-term infrastructure needs to support sustainable growth within the region. It will 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
- different growth scenarios (and implications for these scenarios).

The plan will include the following items:

- 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.
- Identify sufficient land supply to support housing diversity, affordable living and employment growth.
- Contain clear principles for orderly development and the management of growth, including a hierarchy of plans to guide the form and intensity of settlements and the prioritisation of release of urban lands.
- A framework for the public realm or infrastructure located within the region.
- Performance indicators and targets to measure success in implementing the plan.

## Get involved

The Commission and PLUS want to work closely with the region's stakeholders and community to identify the vision and priorities for the region. The new regional plan will be developed in partnership with local government and other stakeholders.

We want to hear about what issues and opportunities you see for land use planning, infrastructure and the public realm in the Far North region, and what you think is needed to support sustainable growth.

There will be several opportunities to be involved throughout the development of the regional plan, with an [Engagement Plan](#) prepared to guide how engagement will be undertaken.

Targeted stakeholders were identified to attend workshops for councils, community groups, industry groups and State Agencies in July 2023 to identify the key priorities for the region. In addition, the Commission and PLUS worked closely with councils and key stakeholders during this phase to identify, test and refine a range of strategic investigations that already exist for the region.

An online survey was available during this stage for community members, businesses and other stakeholders to begin to identify their vision and opportunities for the region. The "[What we Heard](#)" report provides further details about the priorities identified for the Far North Region.

The draft regional plan is expected to be completed late 2024, having consideration to the range of feedback received during the initial phase of engagement. Statutory engagement and consultation is expected to be undertaken on the draft regional plan in early 2025. Engagement activities will be developed to support wide-ranging participation by the community and stakeholders, with opportunities for in-person and online feedback. Details of these engagement activities will be developed while the draft regional plan is being prepared.

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