



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.

What is in the Plan? **The Plan focuses on five key themes critical to the region's future:**

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.
- Capitalise on mining in areas such as Olympic Dam, renewables, and ecotourism in Ikara-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.

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.

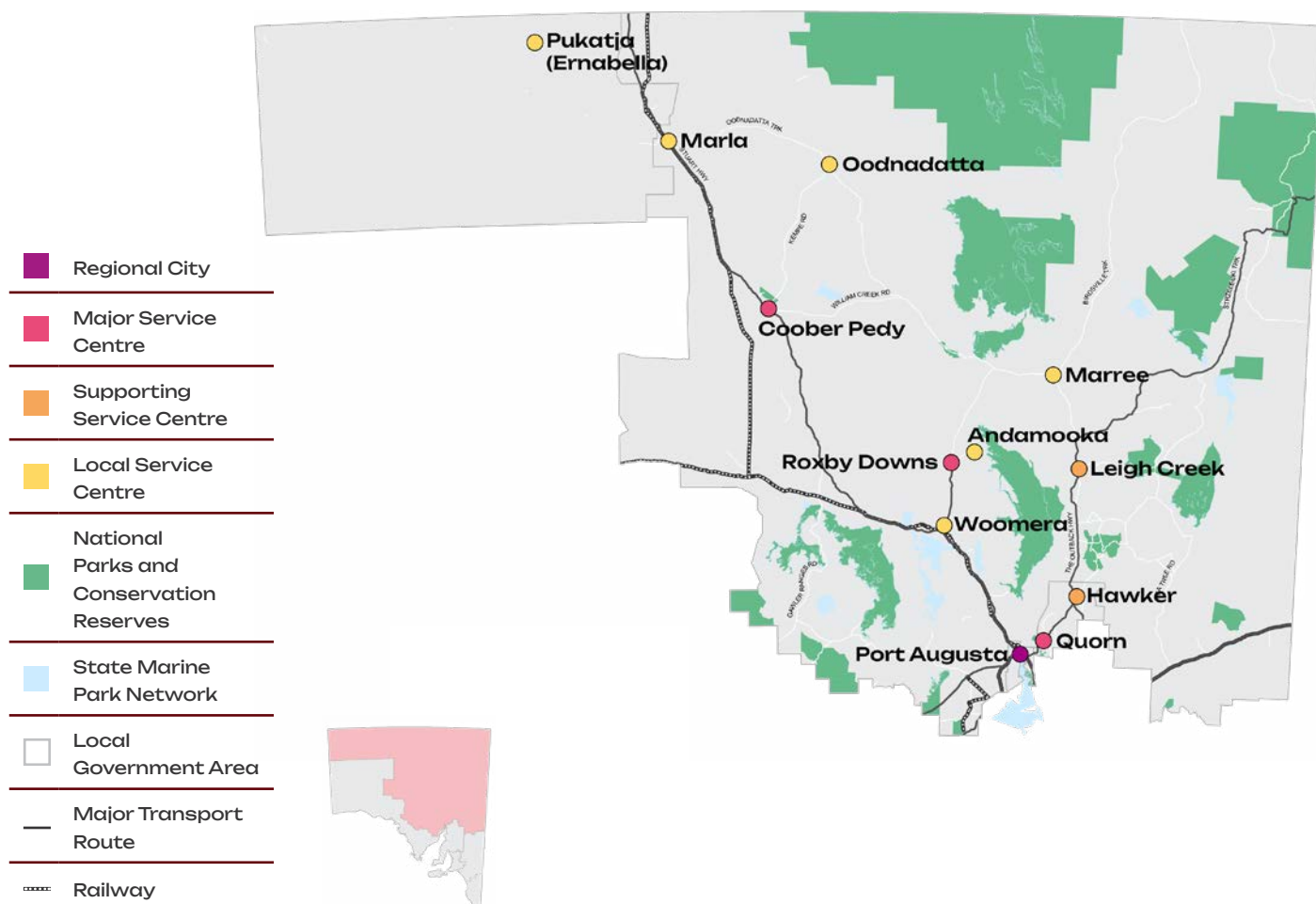
Transport and infrastructure

- 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.

Where is the Far North planning region?



Get involved: have your say

Consultation is open for 12 weeks until 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025. To provide feedback:

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- Complete the [online submission form](#)
- Email plansasubmissions@sa.gov.au (Subject: Submission – Far North Regional Plan)
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