

# Eyre and Western Regional Plan


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## Engagement Report



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# Executive summary

## Overview

Between 12 February 2025 and 7 May 2025, the Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western region, such as promoting economic prosperity that benefits local communities, ensuring there is enough housing to support growth and improved planning for future transport needs. 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.

## Eyre and Western



Figure 2: Eyre and Western region

### Who we heard from

Submissions and survey responses were received from a range of stakeholders and community. We received 101 responses through a range of means including online and hard copy submissions, YourSAy surveys, Easy Read surveys and youth surveys, as shown in Figure 3 below.

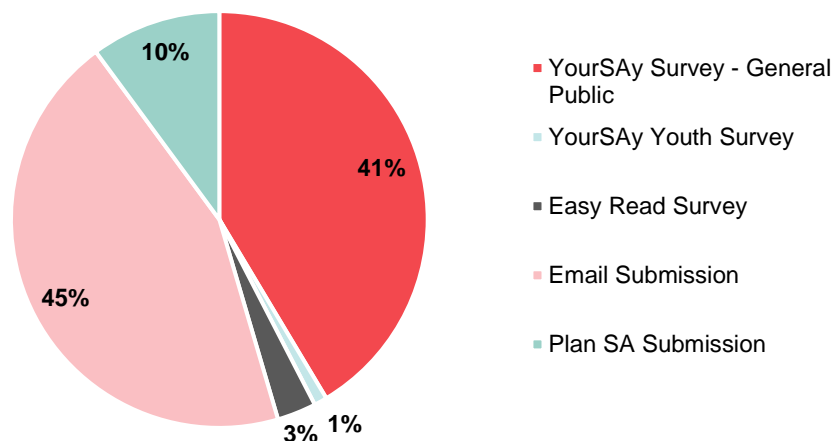


Figure 3: Proportion of responses by feedback method

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 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 Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western Regional Plan

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

It reflects the South Australian Government'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 tourism, primary production and aquaculture, and 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 of the Plan.

The engagement period for the Plan 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. In line with the Community Engagement Charter, the engagement process was regularly monitored.**

### 3.2 Engagement activities

The engagement for the Plan was undertaken through three distinct phases including collateral establishment and promotion, engagement-period, and evaluation. These are detailed further below.

The engagement for the Plan was undertaken through including 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 late 2022 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 Local Government Association (LGA), the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Board and local industries such as fisheries and aquaculture, grain growers and 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.

Visioning workshops were held in Port Lincoln and Ceduna in early 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 three 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 delivery of a range of engagement activities to inform community and stakeholders of the Plan objectives and gather feedback.

Activity	Description	Target audience
Council communications team	Contact councils to discuss collaboration opportunities. This may include options to tap into their events, marketing material (eg EDMs, social media).	Council
YourSAy website and 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 <b>2000 visits</b> during the engagement period.</i>  <i>Supporting material documents were <b>downloaded 172 times</b>.</i>  <i><b>41 YourSAy survey submissions</b> 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 <b>792 page views</b> from <b>714 unique users</b> during the engagement period.</i>	All stakeholders
Stakeholder toolkit	Sent to council's communications contacts within the Far North region and key stakeholders such as industry groups, community groups to help support engagement, increase reach and promote the Plan.  The toolkit contained the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DL community flyer</li> <li>- Social media imagery</li> <li>- Community event poster</li> <li>- DL flyer</li> <li>- Newsletter copy.</li> </ul> <i>In total <b>24 stakeholders</b> were sent the toolkit.</i>	All stakeholders

Activity	Description	Target audience
PlanSA website	<p>Information relevant to the Plan were available on the PlanSA website. This included the Plan, visioning workshop report, fact sheet, and the engagement plan,</p> <p>A news article and banner promoting the engagement were also published on the landing page of the PlanSA website.</p> <p><i>The Plan's PlanSA website pages <b>received 127 views</b> and was <b>visited by 320 people</b>.</i></p> <p><i>The news item received <b>577 views</b> and was visited by <b>379 people</b>.</i></p>	All stakeholders
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 <b>46 letters</b> were sent to councils and state MPs. BCC letter was sent to <b>185 people</b>. Generic letter was sent to <b>108</b>.</i></p>	All stakeholders
Email	<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 <b>290 contacts</b>.</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 <b>downloaded 17 times</b> 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 <b>downloaded 16 times</b> 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 <b>downloaded 16 times</b> from the YourSAy website during the consultation period.</i></p>	All stakeholders in particular people living with disability, CALD.

Activity	Description	Target audience
	<p><i>The Easy Ready survey was <b>downloaded 10</b> 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 were supported with information display boards and printed handouts (see Attachment 4).</p> <p>The event was held in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tue, 11 Mar, Pt Lincoln, 12pm and 4pm: <b>20 attendees.</b></li> <li>• Wed, 12 Mar, Ceduna, 12pm and 4pm: <b>9 attendees.</b></li> <li>• Tue, 1 Apr, Whyalla, 11am and 3pm: <b>12 attendees.</b></li> </ul>	<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 promote 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"> <li>• 14/3/2025 12:00 pm: <b>9 attendees</b></li> <li>• 27/3/2025 (youth): <b>1 attendee</b></li> </ul> <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 <b>630 page views</b> 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>All stakeholders</p>

Activity	Description	Target audience
	<p><i>The February article was sent to <b>2759 recipients</b> and was opened by <b>1868 people</b>.</i></p> <p><i>The April article was sent to <b>2837 recipients</b> and was opened by <b>1933 people</b>.</i></p>	
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 <b>3 interviews</b> on ABC regional radio.</i></p> <p><i>Media coverage consisted of <b>40 media items</b> across print, radio and online - achieving an <b>audience reach of 1,270,000</b> 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"> <li>- PlanSA Facebook</li> <li>- SPC LinkedIn</li> <li>- YourSAy Facebook.</li> </ul> <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 <b>reached 273,000 users</b> and <b>received 6237 link clicks</b> and attracted <b>982 new followers</b>.</p>	All stakeholders
Advertising	<p><b>Four print ads</b> for opening of consultation and <b>7 ads</b> towards the end of consultation.</p>	All stakeholders
Internal comms	<p>NeighbourHUD article which received <b>27 clicks</b> and <b>72 intranet views</b>.</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 <b>15 times</b>.</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>	Community Councils

Activity	Description	Target audience
	<p>Emails were sent to councils, stakeholders, council comms to share dates and information on the road trips, online information sessions, youth information session, 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 five 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: 14 attendees                      Elected members: 13 attendees                      Industry: 13 attendees                      Community groups: 5 attendees                      State agencies: 77 attendees</p> <p><i>In total <b>122 key stakeholders</b> attended online briefing sessions.</i></p> <p>Additional briefing sessions conducted upon request to:                      - Eyre Peninsula LGA Conference on 16/3/2025                      (<b>approximately 50 attendees</b> including CEs, mayors and elected members)</p> <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: <b>14 attendees.</b></p>	Council practitioners from: City of Port Lincoln City of Whyalla District Council of Ceduna District Council of Cleve District Council of Elliston District Council of Franklin Harbour District Council of Kimba Lower Eyre Council

Activity	Description	Target audience
		District Council of Streaky Bay District Council of Tumby Bay Wudinna District Council.
First Nations engagement	Established ongoing working relationships and partnerships with key representatives from Aboriginal State Government Agencies, Corporations and First Nations groups. Delivered a briefing to Aboriginal Corporations, State Agencies and Industry Groups to introduce the Regional Planning Program. Correspondence to First Nations Groups to introduce the Program, providing a link to YourSAy and offering an online presentation of the Regional Planning program.	State Agencies Aboriginal Leaders First Nations groups
Youth engagement	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.	Youth groups including Youth Advisory Committee/council 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 enquires 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 <b>2 email enquiries and 1 phone enquiry</b> 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

Activity	Description	Target audience
Engagement summary report (this report)	Prepare a report that summarises engagement undertaken, and key themes of feedback received via different engagement methods (survey, submissions, meetings).	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 Eyre and Western region were notified via a letter. This included:

- City of Port Lincoln
- City of Whyalla
- District Council of Ceduna
- District Council of Cleve
- District Council of Elliston
- District Council of Franklin Harbour
- District Council of Kimba
- Lower Eyre Council
- District Council of Streaky Bay
- District Council of Tumby Bay
- Wudinna District Council.

#### 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 Eyre and Western councils, 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.

### 4.1 Written submissions

54 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, we received 13 submissions from residents, landowners and members of the public. Two of these submissions were from landowners requesting their property be identified for future rezoning. The key themes raised in these submissions are summarised below:

##### Transport and connectivity

- Respondents suggested a network of well-designed trails would significantly boost tourism, strengthen community connection, township character and protect sensitive coastal environments, particularly in Port Lincoln and coastal areas. It was suggested that trails should be seen as essential transport infrastructure.
- Feedback noted the omission of the Eyre Peninsula rail network, noting an upgraded rail network is essential for the agricultural and soon to come mining sectors. It was suggested that an efficient rail system bolsters the states economy.
- Some respondents requested for alternative methods of transport to be considered. Bigger coastal towns should be geared towards green powered super ferries that are capable of taking heavy vehicle freight and airstrips improved to account for workers, freight and medical supplies.

##### Connection between housing and economic growth

- Respondents expressed the view that there is not enough housing to support economic growth on the Eyre Peninsula. The proposed zoning changes are crucial for managing urban growth in a structured way. Feedback raised the importance of planning ahead to avoid land use conflicts and making the most of infrastructure availability.
- Feedback stated that housing stock needs to be diverse enough to include suitable accommodation for the region or towns, worker's needs, environmental needs.
- There were concerns raised towards the marine launch complex and the potential negative impact on the community and business. Feedback raised that the marine exclusion zone could lead to decreasing numbers of cruise ships, marine based businesses and fishing industries, having an impact on the regions economy.

##### Development of the Plan

- Some feedback suggested that there is a lack of community voice in the Plan and that it is primarily the state government's vision. Participants would like to have seen more community groups involved in early engagement processes.

- The Delivery and Implementation Plan is supported by respondents, however they would welcome more detailed information on how the proposed growth areas will be delivered including the mix of housing and collaborative delivery.

#### 4.1.2 Industry bodies

The below summarises written submissions received from industry bodies.

Industry	
<p><b>Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) / The Australian Mining Industry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Recommends completing land use planning and zoning that is future fit for expanded mining, mineral processing and exports. This includes for infrastructure corridors, mineral hubs and options for better third-party access, expanded set-down facilities and capacity for mineral exports from the five ports in the region.</li> <li>• Seeks Acceleration of an updated Multiple Land Use Framework to support co-existence of industries.</li> <li>• Recommends revision of State Planning Policy 10 to consider Mining Regulations, competing land use and the growing important of the industry to meet net zero targets.</li> <li>• Seeks land to be identified for the development of new mineral processing hubs located close to ports in the region</li> <li>• Highlights that mining and nature-based tourism can co-exist.</li> <li>• Seeks consultation on the maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure to ensure safe and efficient operations.</li> <li>• Supportive of the Desalination Plant at Billy Lights Point to provide much needed water for the mining industry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes critical gaps in environmental and green infrastructure planning, and proposes stronger integration of landscape architecture, climate resilience, and First Nations engagement.</li> <li>• Recommends the inclusion of community aspirations for high-speed rail linking Port Lincoln with Adelaide and Perth.</li> <li>• Suggests the plan should include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Stronger emphasis on bushfire resilience, noting past impacts on rail, agriculture and tourism.</li> <li>&gt; Specific mechanisms for local, community-led renewable energy systems and a zero-waste circular economy.</li> <li>&gt; Local, face-to-face healthcare and ageing at home models.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Council on the Ageing SA (COTA SA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

Industry	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks to ensure land use and infrastructure supports a care workforce and aligns with national aged care reforms, including the Support at Home program.</li> <li>• Suggests zoning land for the growth of essential service industries (health, aged care and social support) in key townships.</li> <li>• Recommends investing in accessible and flexible transport solutions, including public, community and active transport.</li> <li>• Advocates for improved digital inclusion in regional areas through infrastructure investment and structured programs.</li> <li>• Supports climate-resilient housing design, including retrofitting programs.</li> <li>• Recommends integrating the needs of older people into climate adaptation and hazard planning including the expansion of tree canopy and shaded public infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Country Arts SA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes a master planning process for the Middleback Arts Centre in Whyalla was completed in 2019 to provide arts and cultural spaces to the community.</li> <li>• Notes the facility is a fully equipped, multi-purpose arts centre hosting Australian and international performances. The facility also provides an affordable hire location.</li> </ul>
<b>Grain Producers SA (GPSA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocates for the protection of productive agricultural land, particularly in the Eyre Peninsula which is the state's largest grain producing region.</li> <li>• Raises that ad-hoc zoning of broadacre cropping land can lead to operational conflicts and reduced farm viability.</li> <li>• Highlights that regional growth can be achieved without sacrificing high-value agricultural land. Long-term land should be prioritised over short-term housing or industrial development.</li> <li>• Notes that water security is a critical issue for agriculture on the Eyre Peninsula and recommends region-wide security through both large-scale and localised infrastructure solutions.</li> <li>• Recommends that agricultural stakeholders be engaged during planning decisions and any reviews of road networks to support agricultural logistics.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that the critical housing shortage is due to lack of water infrastructure, high augmentation costs for developers and misalignment between service providers and planning authorities.</li> <li>• Recommends removing existing native vegetation restrictions within townships, and the use of overlays to allow appropriate development.</li> <li>• Recommends recognising care services as a major employment sector and clarifying criteria for state-significant employment precincts.</li> <li>• Notes that agricultural industries need a reliable water and power source.</li> <li>• Notes that public transport is limited, and airports (Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Ceduna) are vital but underutilised due to cost and frequency of services.</li> </ul>

Industry	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlights that actions identified require funding, not just policy. Suggests an urgent need for infrastructure charging reform, alternative funding models and better coordination between state, local government, and service providers.</li> </ul>
<b>South Australian Chamber of Mines &amp; Energy (SACOME)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the focus placed on development of new resources and energy projects in the Eyre and Western region as part of long-term strategic planning</li> <li>Supportive of the strong emphasis placed on transport and enabling infrastructure in the Plan, recognising the importance of road, rail and port infrastructure to the operation of the South Australian resources sector</li> <li>Supportive of the region being the most prospective for new renewable energy projects.</li> <li>Highlight the importance of aligning project development timeframes for ports with required export capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>South Australian Sardine Industry Association</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes that the sardine industry is committed to maintaining and enhancing sustainable practices but requires planning frameworks that support long-term access to fishing grounds and adaptive fisheries management in the face of climate and environmental change.</li> <li>Highlights that effective marine infrastructure is essential to the function and safety of commercial fishing operations.</li> <li>Notes that rising freight costs and transport reliability remain key risks for regional fisheries. Planning policies should consider these factors when designing industrial precincts or approving residential developments adjacent to commercial ports.</li> </ul>

#### 4.1.3 Non-government organisations

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

Non-government organisation	
<b>Andromeda Metals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests inclusion of the approved Great White Project (GWP) kaolin clay mining project in the District of Streaky Bay (approximately 17km south of Poochera).</li> <li>Notes that company development of the Critical Minerals project to extract High Purity Alumina (HPA) from its kaolin. This is a novel process and a first for producing 4N HPA directly from kaolin. The company is considering Whyalla for its processing facility and is currently working on a Scoping Study to advance the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Lost River Australia Pty Ltd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeks to understand the proposed planning actions to improve agriculture exports, accommodate infrastructure growth and support population growth in Ceduna.</li> <li>Notes a lack of focus on the needs of Aboriginal people in the area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests consideration of key infrastructure for the Western region, including a desalination site and services such as NBN and communication towers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mirning Council of Elders</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasises the importance of recognising Mirning Native Title rights, including recent determinations such as the 2025 Far West Coast Sea Claim.</li> <li>• Seeks the inclusion of traditional place names and dual naming in the Plan, with consultation from Traditional Owners. Nation-specific signage is required to ensure cultural accuracy and respect.</li> <li>• Suggests current engagement processes, such as the Community Engagement Charter, are not fit for purpose. Direct engagement with Traditional Owner Custodians is required, not just Native Title bodies or RARBS (Register of Recognised Aboriginal Representative Bodies), which may lack proper governance or representation.</li> <li>• Highlights the Nullarbor and Great Australian Bight's nomination for World Heritage listing and requests this be reflected in the Regional Plan as a major cultural and environmental asset.</li> <li>• Notes the omission of significant Indigenous heritage sites, such as Koonalda Cave, from the Plan. Seeks the Plan to be updated to include State and National Indigenous heritage sites.</li> <li>• Strongly discourages tourism at sacred sites, especially fragile cave sites.</li> <li>• Supports employment opportunities for Mirning people in coastal tourism, with appropriate housing and infrastructure.</li> <li>• Suggests a visioning project for Mirning Country to incorporate traditional wisdom into regional planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rowlands Group</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that current zoning does not allow for new minor settlements, like Port Boston, which is considered a good location for fly in fly out workers to reside. Suggests that people do not wish to reside in Cummins for employment.</li> <li>• Suggests that the application of native vegetation overlays in areas designated for housing makes it difficult to develop, particularly on the coast where there is demand.</li> <li>• Recommends simplifying and streamlining the process for regional Code Amendments.</li> <li>• Recommends supporting a greater mix of allotment sizes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) SA/NT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that access to safe, secure and affordable housing is a critical enabler in recruiting and retaining essential personnel in remote communities.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Recommends the ongoing quality improvement of remote roads.</li> <li>• Notes that telecommunications and essential services such as water and reliable electricity underpin healthcare delivery. Access stable internet infrastructure increasingly important.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>SA Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes there is a need to maintain access to key groundwater sources (Uley South, Bramfield, Coffin Bay, Lincoln, Uley Wanilla) to support affordable and reliable water supply on the Eyre Peninsula.</li> <li>• Supportive of the Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant that will supplement existing sources and will be critical for long-term water security. It is important to reduce the Uley South Basin's to ensure sustainability and limit reliance on climate-dependent water.</li> <li>• Supportive of collaboration with planning bodies to centralise demand projections for more informed, timely, and integrated planning decisions.</li> <li>• Emphasises the need for cost-sharing between developers, government, and customers, with regulatory approval required for SA Water-funded growth investments.</li> <li>• Highlights the need to plan for peak seasonal demand and promote water-efficient, sustainable developments.</li> <li>• Endorses coordinated planning between land use and water infrastructure, and alignment of Regional Plan reviews with water security strategies.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Viterra the Agriculture Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasises the need for a balanced approach that protects and supports primary industry operations, particularly grain storage, handling, and export infrastructure, which are critical to the region's economy.</li> <li>• Calls for careful consideration of primary industry needs and welcomes further engagement to ensure land use planning supports both housing and economic development objectives.</li> <li>• Notes that housing and urban development must not compromise agricultural operations. Key operational sites such as Lock, Wudinna, Cummins, Kimba and Rudell were highlighted as sites to manage interface. Land use conflicts could increase costs and reduce competitiveness for South Australian grain.</li> <li>• Proposes a major rail upgrade project in partnership with Aurizon and government to improve freight efficiency and reduce emissions.</li> </ul>

#### 4.1.4 Councils

The below summarises written submissions received from councils.

<b>Councils</b>	
<b>Eyre Peninsula Local Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends review and removal the Native Vegetation Overlay from township zones to enable infill development where infrastructure and zoning is supported.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Association (EPLGA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that the Limited Land Division Overlay restricts subdivision in areas zoned for low-density residential use (e.g., Rural Neighbourhood Zone), even where infill is logical and feasible.</li> <li>• Recommends a review and removal of the Significant Landscape Protection Overlay to ensure it is consistently applied.</li> <li>• Recommends a review of the Dwelling Excision Overlay. It is not consistently applied to allow homestead excision and support ageing in place, particularly in District Councils of Streaky Bay and Elliston.</li> <li>• Notes that the Plan does not adequately reference or align with council-endorsed masterplans and structure plans.</li> <li>• Recommends referencing the SA Freight and Supply Chain Strategy to protect key freight routes and infrastructure from incompatible development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Port Lincoln</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive of the construction of 49 dwellings annually in Port Lincoln and actions assigned to council.</li> <li>• Notes that council is currently preparing a Masterplan which intends to recommend one or more code amendments and aim to work closely with state government.</li> <li>• Request to modify the Native Vegetation Overlay to have clear Deemed-to-Satisfy criteria to allow for clearance on land zoned or identified for development. Township areas of regional cities should be exempt from the Overlay.</li> <li>• Request to apply the Stormwater Management Overlay to Port Lincoln to manage stormwater at an allotment level and reduce the burden on council systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Council of Elliston</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to include short term actions which improve planning policy with respect to native vegetation so that development of zoned residential land is not prevented such as Deemed-to-Satisfy criteria.</li> <li>• Notes that council intend to pursue a code amendment to rezone residential properties within the strategic employment zone to a more suitable zone and identify other land for strategic employment.</li> <li>• Recommendation to undertake a code amendment to consistently apply the Dwelling Excision Overlay to allow landowners to age in place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Council of Franklin Harbour</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the Plan does not mention the protection and long-term tenure of Lucky Bay.</li> <li>• Requests to propose an action to investigate the coastal environment, how Lucky Bay can be protected and land tenure secured beyond 30 years.</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Council of Kimba</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive of the target of 30 new dwellings by 2051.</li> <li>• Notes there are a number of barriers to housing development including native vegetation, site contamination and temporary accommodation standards. Council suggests:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Amending the Native Vegetation Overlay to allow easier clearance in designated growth areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Amend Practice Direction 14 to exempt low risk farming land from Preliminary Site Investigation requirements when converting to residential use.</li> <li>• Seeks the Plan to include updated policies to ensure temporary accommodation meets minimum standards if retained long-term.</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Council of Streaky Bay</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports improving native vegetation policy to reduce development barriers and recommends a code amendment to streamline vegetation clearance in low-biodiversity areas.</li> <li>• Seeks clarification on the mapping of blue carbon areas, especially where they appear inland, and requests more information on coastal hazard designations, such as those affecting Hinders Drive.</li> <li>• Recommends updating cycling and tourist route maps to include key local trails and attractions. Several priority transport projects should be included for road upgrades and sealing to support freight and tourism.</li> <li>• Supports a new tourism opportunities layer to protect land for future tourism development and seeks better recognition of the Great White Kaolin Project through appropriate zoning and mapping.</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Council of Tumby Bay</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests the Plan lacks specific detail relevant to Tumby Bay’s development potential and requests greater spatial and contextual detail to reflect the area’s strategic importance and development opportunities.</li> <li>• Notes Tumby Bay has a shortage of employment zoned land. It is recommended that the rezoning of surplus land at Tumby Airport occurs through an action of the Plan.</li> <li>• Notes here are economic and market barriers to residential development, not just zoning availability.</li> <li>• Highlights that native vegetation constrains development on land that is zoned or identified for development. It is recommended that exemptions or streamlined process for vegetation clearance be introduced in designated growth areas.</li> <li>• Notes there is a lack of hazard management in the plan relating to bushfire management and coastal hazards such as flooding and storm surges.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lower Eyre Council</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests that all references to the council be updated to ‘Lower Eyre Council’.</li> <li>• Council are not supportive of the Coffin Bay Golf Club growth area and proposes other land for housing, employment and tourism. Proposed growth areas should be mindful of interface management issues that may arise.</li> <li>• Recommends separating responsibilities between Port Lincoln and Lower Eyre Councils.</li> <li>• Highlights that native vegetation is a barrier to development. It is recommended to remove townships from the Overlay and introduce clear Deemed-to-Satisfy criteria for clearance and offsetting.</li> <li>• Recommendation to reference the South Australian Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and include actions to improve infrastructure and productivity, including the discontinued rail use.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Outback Communities Authority</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlights that data collection methods in remote areas are challenged particularly for Aboriginal communities and underrepresented groups i.e. Aboriginal children under four years represents the fastest growing demographic.</li> <li>• Recommendation to identify and prioritise township-level structure planning for targeted settlements within the region to guide future growth, service delivery, and investment.</li> <li>• Recommendation to identify and prioritise upgrading and sealing the roads/tracks and airstrips to ensure safe, all weather 24/7 accessibility. Key tourism routes are not sufficiently noted and advocate for the sealing of roads, particularly from Eyre Highway to Fowlers Bay</li> <li>• Notes that the interactive platform makes it difficult to grasp proposed actions without focusing on a specific area. A more user-friendly interface should be explored.</li> <li>• Seeks the Plan to be more ambitious rather than growth will follow previous patterns. Smaller centres are not included among regional towns identified for additional housing supply and annual housing targets are very low, or absent in some cases.</li> <li>• Highlights there is demand for housing in Penong and tourist accommodation in Fowlers Bay however essential infrastructure is not available.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wudinna District Council</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the overall direction and long-term objectives of the Plan however urges policy changes to facilitate housing and renewable energy development.</li> <li>• Highlights regulatory barriers related to native vegetation need to be reduced. Policy is currently hindering delivery of housing and added costs. Clear deemed-to-satisfy criteria for clearance in appropriate areas should be introduced.</li> <li>• Notes there is an increasing interest in renewable energy projects in the region, particularly with the Rural Zone. Recommends an action to better guide assessment, siting and design of renewable energy facilities and battery storage.</li> <li>• Strong support for the proposed action to investigate a Workers Accommodation Overlay. It is requested this be applied to specific land in Wudinna and Minnipa. Suggests the Overlay can replace the need for a Code Amendment to rezone land for worker accommodation.</li> </ul>

**4.1.5 State and commonwealth agencies/bodies**

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

<p><b>State government</b></p>	
<p><b>Coast Protection Board / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Department of Defence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that strategic planning in the regions where Defence Estate is located should involve continued engagement between the state government and Defence to better align relevant plans and frameworks and leverage efforts across governments. This particularly relates to integrated land use and infrastructure planning which supports the various industry sectors.</li> </ul>
<b>Department for Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes no identified planning, capacity or transport concerns in relation to the provision of, and access to, education and care facilities in the region.</li> </ul>
<b>Department for Energy and Mining (DEM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive of the consistent long-term strategic objectives across the plans, particularly those related to mineral and energy resources and infrastructure.</li> <li>• Highlights the lack of specific outcomes for remote and very remote communities not connected to existing infrastructure.</li> <li>• Recommend a coordinated, cross-government planning approach involving agencies like Aboriginal Affairs, SA Water, Housing SA, and the Outback Communities Authority.</li> <li>• Recommends updating references to Whyalla Steelworks to reflect recent government support and commitment to steelmaking. Hydrogen Projects should also be updated including the Bonython Hydrogen Hub.</li> <li>• Notes DEM have completed resource zoning overlay investigations outside of Greater Adelaide.</li> </ul>
<b>Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Highlights State Planning Policies (SPPs), Regional Plans and Planning and Design Code need to be robust in addressing climate-related risks as DEW is not involved in the assessment process. Notes the need for consistency with the state's emissions reduction and climate-resilience goals.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Supportive of Biodiversity Mapping and Coastal Processes and Hazard Mapping Actions.</li> </ul>

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests that future township growth should prioritise managing stormwater impacts on nearby marine environments using water sensitive urban design and stormwater reuse.</li> <li>• Suggests that coastal development guidance should be revised to align with Coast Protection Board policy. New growth only permitted in pre-identified areas for rezoning if needed.</li> <li>• Recommends strengthening references to sea level rise impacts beyond 2100 and include appropriate adaptation and protection measures.</li> </ul>
<b>Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Highlights the importance of protecting identified transport and infrastructure focussed corridors.</li> <li>• Notes that increased freight movements are putting pressure on both State and Council roads in the region.</li> <li>• Suggests that structure planning for the future growth of key townships should be undertaken prior to any rezoning of land for residential purposes.</li> <li>• Notes that ports at Thevenard, Port Lincoln, and Whyalla are missing from the Plan and recommends amending the Plan area to include them.</li> </ul>
<b>Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raises concerns relating to coastal waters and how they appear on the digital portal including no visible marine based aquaculture leases and corresponding licences, coastal waters of the state.</li> <li>• Suggests mentions of fishing are better labelled as aquaculture as it is a large economic driver and employment industry.</li> <li>• Recommends the Plan's long-term strategic objectives for housing supply and diversity to include a reference to the ongoing sustainability of the state's valued primary productions areas.</li> <li>• Notes the opportunity to include digital connectivity infrastructure alongside essential infrastructure is not currently reflected.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment Protection Authority (EPA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Suggests collaboration with the EPA to finalise the Interface Management Code Amendment to safeguard environmental health.</li> <li>• Notes preference for communal wastewater systems over individual on-site systems and supports stormwater reuse and water sensitive urban design.</li> <li>• Recommends strategic planning to support waste and resource recovery infrastructure and promoting systems that enable waste minimisation and circular economy development.</li> </ul>

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends inclusion of a new action to ensure development reduces greenhouse gas emissions and updating policy language to reflect South Australia's climate targets</li> <li>• Supportive of the approach to contamination assessment and remediation and emphasise the compliance with EPA guidelines and national standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Green Industries SA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Notes the potential of biomass energy but cautions that nutrient and carbon recovery should be prioritised over energy-only uses.</li> <li>• Supportive of the focus on climate resilience and disaster risk reduction and offers expertise and resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Native Vegetation Council / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends aligning Regional Plans with those mandated under the Landscape South Australia Act (e.g. State Landscape Strategy, regional landscape plans)</li> <li>• Suggests clarifying all required approvals for developments, including consent for native vegetation clearance.</li> <li>• Suggests implementing recommendations from the 'Final Report and Recommendations 2023 of the Expert Panel for the Planning System Implementation Review' regarding tree protection.</li> <li>• Recommends further research to identify plant species suited to future climate conditions and notes that native plants, shrubs and trees should be prioritised in reference to greening, tree planting, and green infrastructure.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Suggestion to consider Heritage Agreements when discussing areas of environmental significance.</li> </ul>
<b>Office for Design and Architecture SA (ODASA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests placing stronger emphasis on high-quality design as a core planning principle, aligned with the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act.</li> <li>• Recommends integrating the six Principles of Good Design (context, inclusivity, durability, value, performance, and sustainability) into all aspects of the plan to</li> </ul>

State government	
	<p>ensure long-term, high-quality outcomes for communities and the built environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends embedding design principles into housing and public space to promote the use of State and Local Design review programs.</li> <li>• Advocates for setting measurable targets, protecting native vegetation and incorporating urban greening strategies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Premier's Climate Change Council / Department for Environment and Water (DEW)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Recommends clarifying and strengthening objectives for climate change through alignment with language used in state government policies</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Recommends developing a regional urban green strategy similar to that developed for metropolitan Adelaide.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Renewal SA / Office for Regional Housing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the key barrier for residential development is not zoning, but lack of infrastructure, which often renders development financially unfeasible.</li> <li>• Recommends the exploration of fixed infrastructure charges at commercially viable levels in regional South Australia.</li> <li>• Notes concerns relating to population growth projections in some townships given infrastructure constraints, particularly water.</li> <li>• Recommends a review of land zoned or identified for urban growth that is heavily vegetated, as development may not be viable, impacting land supply.</li> </ul>
<p><b>State Aboriginal Heritage Committee /Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation /Attorney-General's Department</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek that the Plan acknowledge by name the cultural groups whose lands are encompassed by the region in question.</li> <li>• Recommends that the Plan includes a narrative similar to the 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.</li> <li>• Seeks the following considerations for engagement with Aboriginal people in planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 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 in to the consultation.</li> <li>&gt; Promotion on internet platforms often does not reach Aboriginal people, particularly Elders.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

State government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Suggests including a requirement for “early engagement” with Aboriginal people and further investigations to occur prior to any rezonings within these growth areas.</li> <li>• Recommends that information be made available regarding examples of landscape features that indicate likelihood of Aboriginal sites and/or contain evidence of Aboriginal occupation.</li> <li>• Requests consistency of terminology and terms be explained in more detail in order to be meaningful and implemented.</li> </ul>
<b>South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive of regional development, particularly in growth areas like Port Lincoln and Whyalla.</li> <li>• Highlights the need for strategic land use planning that prioritises bushfire risk reduction and community safety.</li> <li>• Notes the need for stronger integration of bushfire risk mitigation and disaster resilience into the Plan, particularly in the context of climate change and vulnerable community infrastructure.</li> <li>• Seeks early identification of hazards near facilities for vulnerable populations (e.g. schools, aged care, hospitals) and recommends strict standards for siting and constructing such infrastructure to ensure safety.</li> <li>• Highlights that land use planning is the most effective mitigation measure for reducing future disaster losses. The Land Use Planning for Disaster Resilient Communities Handbook is referenced as best practice.</li> </ul>
<b>South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomes the release of the draft regional plan.</li> <li>• Acknowledges and supports the long-term objectives relating to tourism and events.</li> <li>• Recommends amending long-term strategic objective, to create two long-term strategic objectives that relate to tourism and the expansion of unique visitor experiences.</li> <li>• Details the impact of housing demand on the visitor economy.</li> <li>• Highlights opportunities to strengthen the relationship between the planning system and the tourism industry.</li> </ul>

## 4.2 Survey responses

A number of responses were received through survey methods including the YourSAy general survey, Easy Read survey and youth survey.

Overall, 47 people provided survey responses. The YourSAy survey was the most common way that people provided feedback, with 43 responses. In addition, there were three easy read survey responses, and one youth survey response received, as outlined in the following sections.

The greatest number of responses received were in the 55-64 age and 45-54 cohorts, together accounting for 48% of responses (13 and 10 participants respectively) as shown in Figure 4. Most respondents indicated that they lived or owned property in the Eyre and Western region.

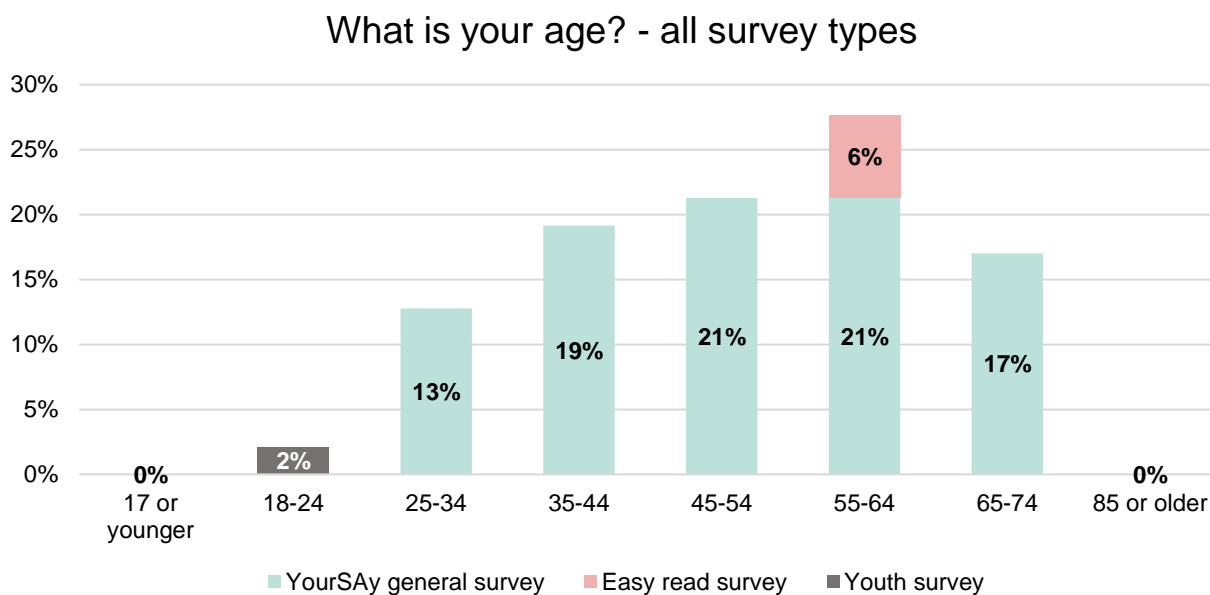


Figure 4: Age of survey respondents (all survey types)

### 4.2.1 Ranking the Plan's 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 (38%) was 'People, housing and liveability', followed by 'Transport and infrastructure' (30% of respondents). 'Implementation and delivery' was the most likely to be ranked least important (5), selected by 57% of respondents, as shown in Figure 5.

### Ranked themes - all survey types

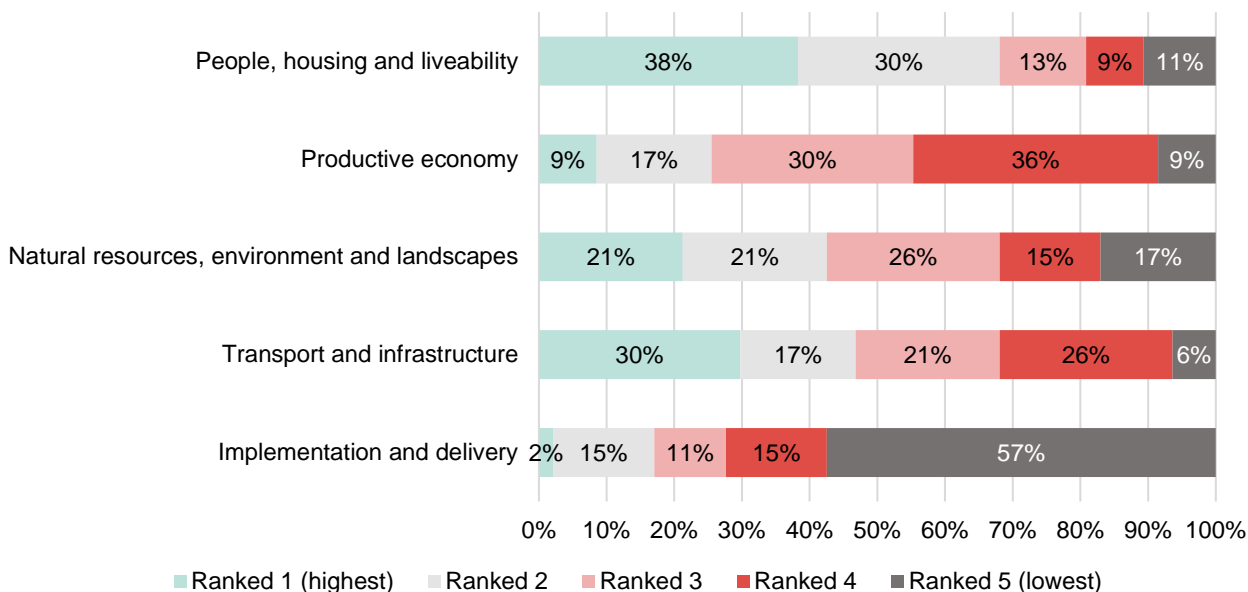


Figure 5: Ranked themes (all survey types)

## 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 (49%) selected “*The Eyre and Western region has a diverse and affordable housing supply that meets the needs of its community*”. The second most popular choice, selected by 42% of respondents, was “*The design quality of homes, buildings and the public realm are improved in the Eyre and Western region’s main townships*” (see Figure 6).

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

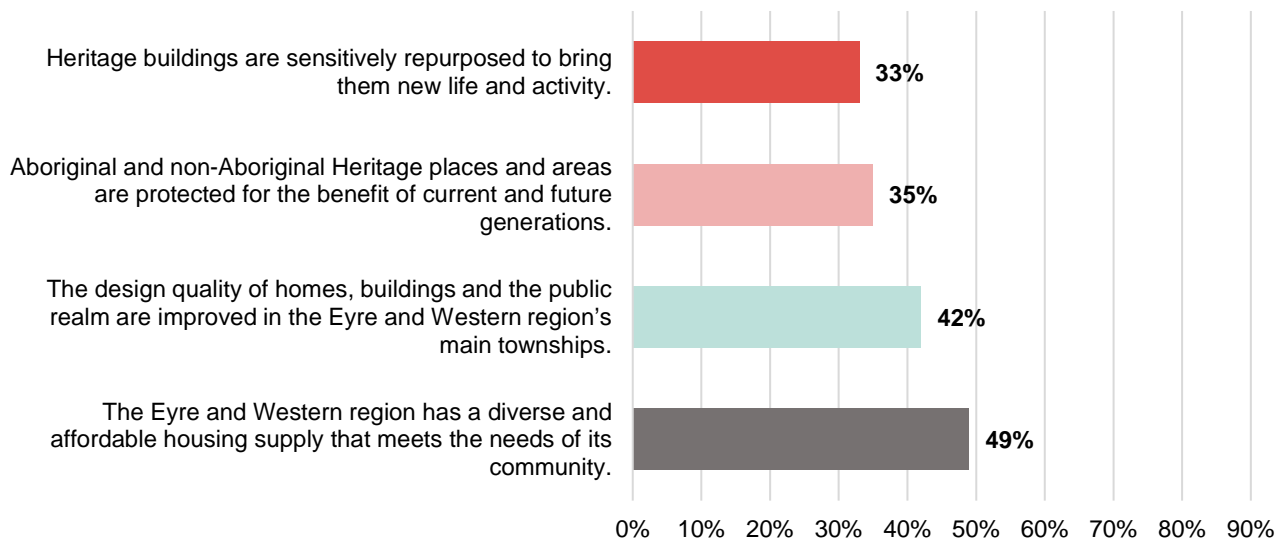


Figure 6: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering people, housing and liveability

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

**Housing affordability and availability**

- Many respondents highlighted housing shortages across communities and the impact of holiday homes on local access to housing. There were also calls for more diverse housing options, particularly for people looking to downsize before retirement, and for an increase in affordable rentals. Some respondents supported more short-term rental accommodation to help retirees and farmers supplement their income.

**Sustainability and the environment**

- There was strong support for housing developments that prioritise energy efficiency and reduce ecological impact. Respondents highlighted the need for better water conservation practices, including regulations requiring water tanks for new homes. Impacts of industrial land uses was also a concern for some, with calls for stricter regulations to address air pollution and minimise environmental harm to surrounding communities.

**Regional identity and vibrancy**

- Respondents called for initiatives that strengthen the region's identity and sense of place, with the expansion of walking trails identified as an opportunity to promote the unique landscape and encourage community interaction. Investment in local organisations and community groups was also recognised as a way to foster social connection and a thriving regional identity. There was also a call for beautification efforts, including tree planting and green spaces, to enhance the character of townships within the region.

**Infrastructure and services**

- There was support for improved public transport and enhanced phone and internet connectivity, especially in areas like Point Boston, where unreliable service continues to affect residents and

businesses. Providing high-quality essential services was also recognized as a key factor in retaining younger generations and supporting long-term regional growth.

**Location specific feedback**

- Port Lincoln: Respondents noted a lack of purpose-built walking and riding trails that are sealed and safely separated from vehicles. Trails would also protect coastlines and environmentally significant areas.
- Point Boston: Respondents suggested the cost to build homes is increasing and communications infrastructure is unreliable, making it a less appealing place to reside.
- Port Neill: Some responses suggested that there is very little shade and would like to see initiatives related to tree planting and green landscaping introduced to enhance the environment.
- Smaller communities: Respondents highlighted a lack of affordable housing, services and funding for those experiencing homelessness in smaller, rural communities.

**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 Eyre and Western’s productive economy. The majority (63%) selected “Strategically planned land supply is essential for economic growth, supporting both current and future industries”. The second most popular choice, selected by 56% of respondents, was “Eyre and Western has enough land for employment, industry and business to support economic growth and a productive workforce” (see Figure 7).

Which four of the following statements are most important to you when considering Eyre and Western's **productive economy**?

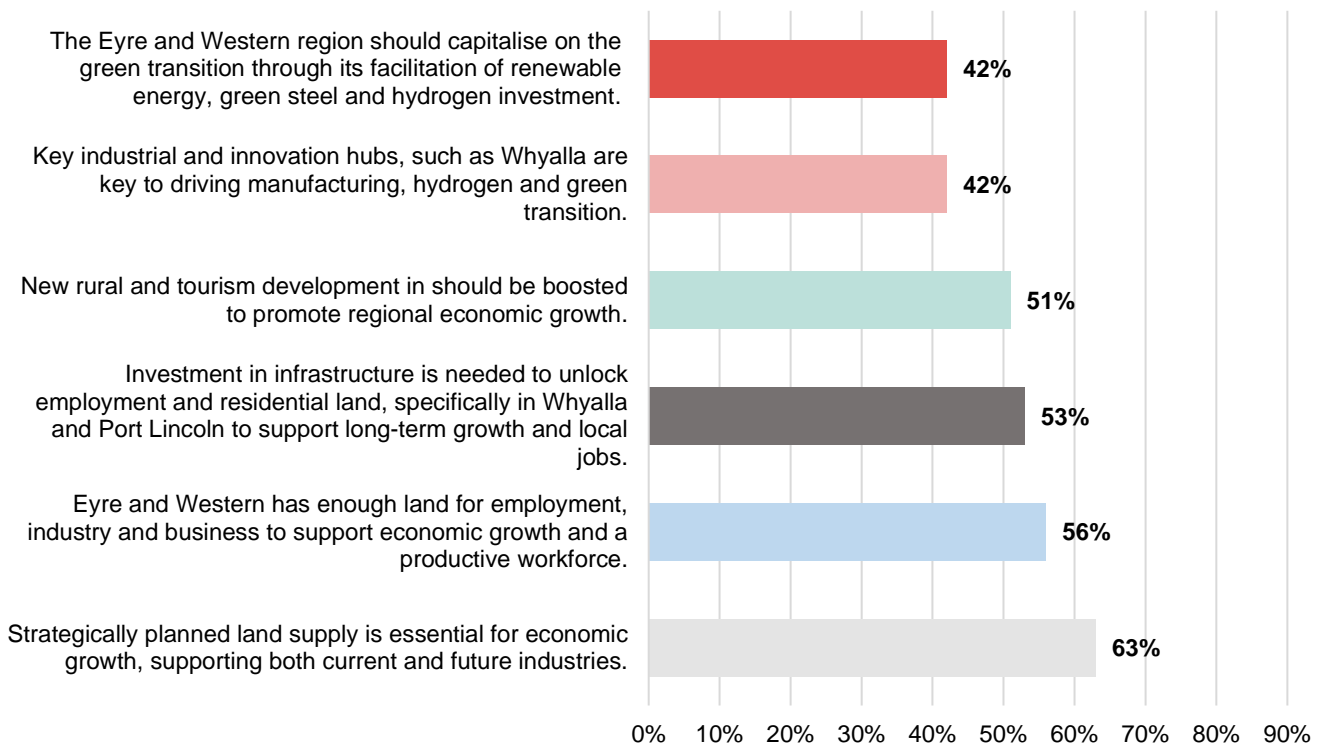


Figure 7: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering productive economy

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

#### **Tourism and the visitor economy**

- There was strong support for continuing to protect the regions environment as a major tourism drawcard. Participants acknowledged that trail-based tourism initiatives in other regions have demonstrated substantial economic returns through extended visitor stays, increased spending patterns, and new business opportunities in hospitality, accommodation, and tour services.
- Some participants were concerned that the Plan does not address the role of the visitor economy, particularly short-term rental accommodation to support local income, job creation and regional economic resilience. This was suggested to be important in towns like Streaky Bay, Coffin Bay and Port Lincoln where there are seasonal spikes.

#### **Access to and from the region**

- Participants would like to see more transport options for freight and visitors. There was strong sentiment that introduction of rail will increase connectivity within the region and to metropolitan areas making it a more attractive region to invest, visit and live.

#### **Industry and employment drivers**

- Agicultural and primary production industries were raised as industries that drive the local economy. Participants shared that these industries are often overshadowed by tourism and fishing. Feedback also referenced other economic drivers such a renewable energy projects that would support the region, however in order to support these industries more housing, people and training opportunities are needed.

#### **Availability of social infrastructure**

- Participants would like to see health, childcare, education and other services included within the Plan. There was support for these hospitals and education facilities that provide economic importance for a regions growth. It was suggested that a university or college be setup to respond to local demand from the aquaculture industry as well as supporting regional employment.

#### **Location specific feedback**

- Whyalla: Participants are concerned that employment prospects are declining and that this will impact the town's economic outlook.
- Port Lincoln: Some suggested that proposed construction of a desalination plan may impact water quality and have impacts on seafood industries. Respondents would like to see industry moved outside the township so it does not detract from the region's prosperity.
- Ungarra: Respondents support a large train loading facility to limit the number of heavy vehicles passing through townships.

### **4.3.3 Natural resources, environment and landscapes**

Respondents were asked to select four out of a possible six statements that were most important to them when considering the Eyre and Western region's natural resources, environment and landscapes. The majority (81%) selected "*Ensure the Eyre and Western region's water supply is able to support the needs of current and future generations*". The second most popular choice, selected by 60% of respondents, was "*Protect and enhance coastal and marine environments and ensure development is not at risk from coastal hazards*" (see Figure 8).

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

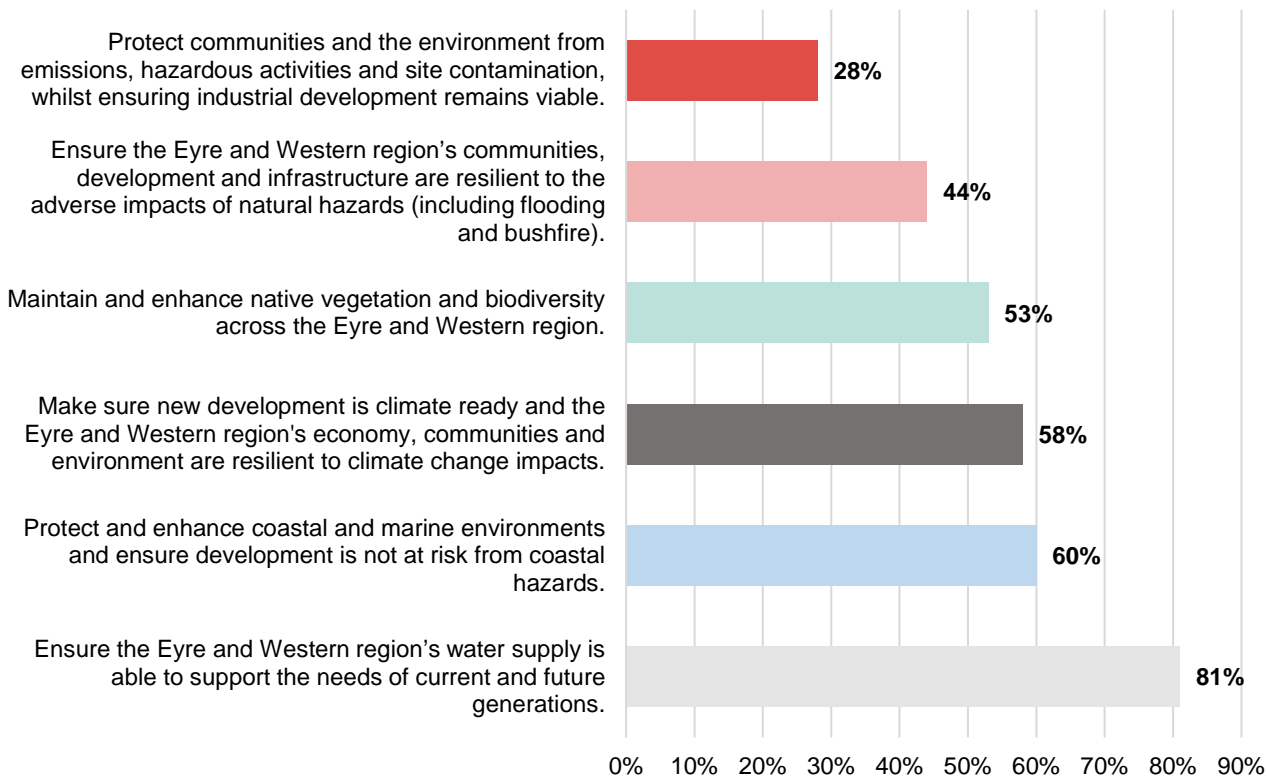


Figure 8: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering natural resources, environment and landscapes

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

**Sustainable building standards**

- Participants would like to see the introduction of standards for more sustainable development such as grey water for gardens and toilets, increased use of solar panels and water storage.

**Protection of the coastal environment**

- There was support for the investment in coastal hazard mitigation, dune protection, and sustainable foreshore infrastructure. Feedback suggests that investment into coastal infrastructure for tourism and community safety can simultaneously provide controlled public access while protecting sensitive environments. Feedback stated development should not occur at the expense of coastal and marine environments.

**Biodiversity and greening**

- Participants would like to see more trees, shrubs, bushes, and native plant life re-introduced into the region. Feedback suggests that farm areas require more shade areas for animals to shelter under and would like soils to become biologically diverse & healthy again.

**Water security**

- Respondents raised concerns around water security. Feedback suggests property owners should have the opportunity to create farm dams so long as water is not drawn from others. This would help manage water security through wet winters and dry summers.

**Location specific feedback**

- Port Neill: Participants shared concern towards the spread of invasive plants on the sand dunes and native reserves, participants would like to see more done and suggest community led initiatives.
- Port Lincoln: Strong support for integrated coastal trails that balances environmental protection and public access. These trails can link in with other towns on the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

**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 Eyre and Western region. The majority (74%) selected *“Integrate and coordinate all types of planning to provide certainty for the Eyre and Western region’s communities and economy”* (see Figure 9).

Which two of the following statements are most important to you when considering **transport and infrastructure** in Eyre and Western?

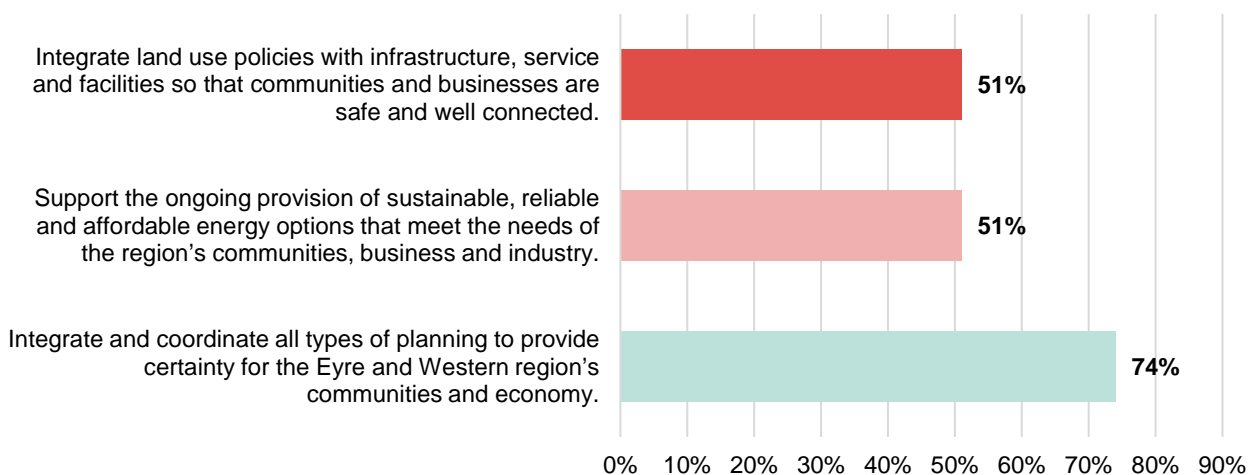


Figure 9: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering transport and infrastructure

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

**Increasing active and public transport options**

- Participants acknowledge that the population will continue to increase, however, they feel that the transport network is not keeping up to meet growing needs. Some suggest the current transport network is not viewed as accessible or reliable, making it difficult for the community to access health services. Feedback also noted that the ferry is often unreliable and air travel is expensive and infrequent.
- Active transport was strongly supported and was viewed as essential infrastructure. Participants would like to see more walking and cycling infrastructure to increase health, connectivity and also have environmental benefits such as reduced vehicle emissions.

**Road quality and safety**

- There was strong support for more overtaking lanes and road sealing and repairs, particularly from Port Augusta to Port Lincoln. Participants raised that the increasing number of road freight is impacting road infrastructure and making it unsafe, particularly around busy tourism seasons.

**Restoration of railway line**

- Participants expressed desire for restoration of the railway, particularly for freight to increase safety on highways and minimise road degradation. As exports continue to rise, feedback suggested the cost of road freight will impact the viability of road freight transport.

**Location specific feedback**

- Port Augusta: Feedback suggests that Port Augusta is located logistically to become a transport connection centre however planning does not account for logistics or future transport needs.
- Port Lincoln and the West Coast: Participants suggested that there is a large gap in public and private transport options between Port Lincoln and smaller townships such as Streaky Bay, Coffin Bay, Elliston and Ceduna. More affordable options are encouraged to be considered.
- Whyalla: Feedback suggested that Whyalla seems vulnerable to fuel price shocks and failure of infrastructure.

**4.3.5 Implementation and delivery**

Respondents were asked to select four out of a possible six statements that were most important to them when considering implementation and delivery across the Eyre and Western region. The majority (88%) selected *“The Plan’s success relies on collaboration between government, councils, industry, and the community”* (see Figure 10).

Which four of the following statements are most important to you when considering **implementation and delivery** across the Eyre and Western region?

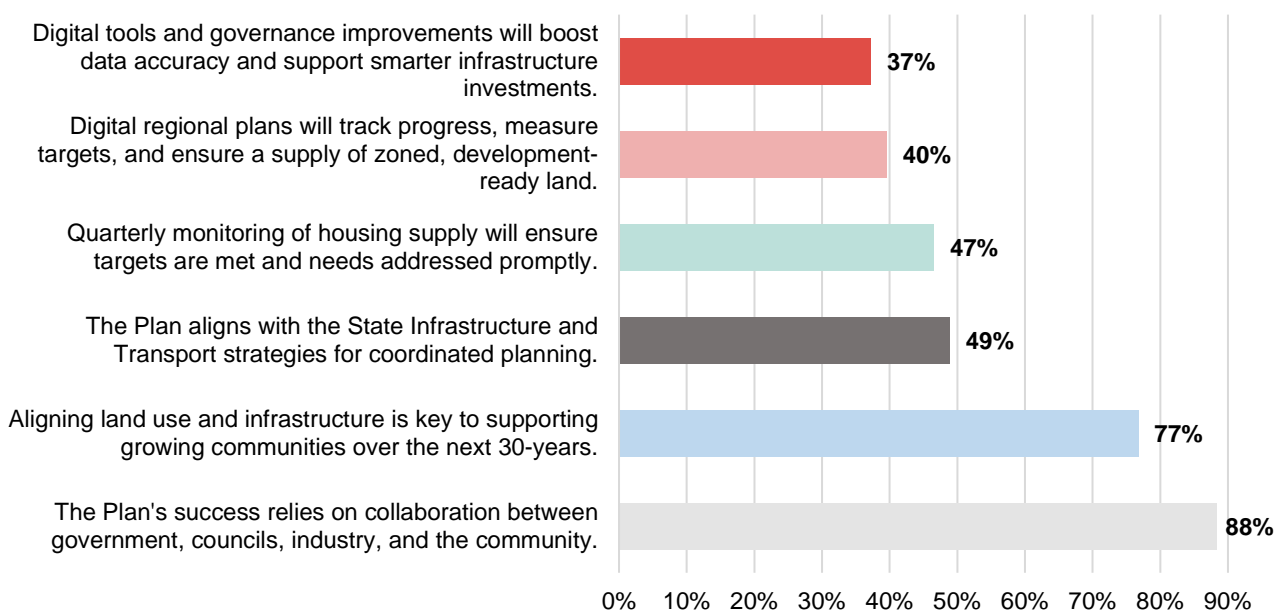


Figure 10: Most important statements to respondents (two selected) when considering implementation and delivery

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

#### **Collaboration with council**

- Feedback suggested closer collaboration between State and Local Government to deliver the Plan. Participants shared that Councils are delivering outcomes that are not identified within the Plan. It was also suggested that there is value in coordinating with private landowners to maximise benefit.

#### **Measuring success**

- Participants would like to see clearer measures of success in the Implementation Plan. It was suggested that the Plan would benefit from establishing measurable targets, timelines and accountability. There was support for the development of an investment strategy could accompany the Plan and be reviewed every 1- 3 years.

#### **Planning ahead for the unknown**

- Participants raised concern that the Plan seems to lack contingencies for external shocks and technology advancement. Feedback seeks the Plan to look beyond business as usual for the next 30 years.

#### **Location specific feedback**

- Port Hardy: Some participants would welcome the relocation of industry from townships to Port Hardy to reduce interface management and improve liveability.
- Cleve: Feedback shared that the District Council of Cleve have many active projects in planning stage that can be built on.
- Port Neill: Some feedback stated the Desalination Plant should be located at Port Neill to utilise the existing pipeline and service the lower Eyre Peninsula with water faster.

### **4.4 YourSAy youth survey**

There was one response to the Youth 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 Youth Survey had a different set of questions to the general survey, however themes of feedback align with that of the general survey responses.

### **4.5 Easy Read survey**

There were three respondents who completed the Easy Read survey. Due to the small number of responses, feedback has been included in analysis of the general survey easy read surveys has been captured in the 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 engagement is required.

### 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.

#### *Evaluation of engagement by the designated entity*

A further evaluation of the engagement process is required to be undertaken by (or on behalf of) the designated entity. The minimum performance indicators require an evaluation by the designated entity of whether (or to what extent) the engagement:

1. **Occurred early enough** for feedback to genuinely influence the Planning policy, strategy or scheme.
2. **Contributed to the substance** of the Plan.
3. **Reached those identified** as communities or stakeholders of interest.
4. **Provided feedback to community** about outcomes of engagement.
5. Was **reviewed throughout** the process and **improvements put in place**, or recommended for future engagement.

The evaluation of the engagement was undertaken by the Strategic Communications Unit of the Planning and Land Use Services Division 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.*

All respondents agreed 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.	60%	40%	0	0	0

### 5.2.2 Engagement is inclusive and respectful

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

All respondents agreed that they were given sufficient opportunities to provide feedback during 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.	40%	60%	0	0	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.*

The majority (80%) of respondents agreed that the information 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 Eyre and Western Regional Plan (the Plan) allowed me to make an informed view.	20%	60%	20%	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 (80%) 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.	40%	40%	20%	0	0

### 5.2.5 Engagement processes are reviewed and improved

*The engagement was reviewed and improvements recommended.*

All respondents agreed that their input was considered during the engagement process and helped shape the Plan.

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.	20%	80%	0	0	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 comments received did not pertain to the engagement process itself but instead focused on the content of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan. These comments and suggestions have been captured in the sections above.

## 6 Summary of key themes and responses

The following themes have been derived from all methods of feedback (written submissions, online survey and face to face engagement).

### *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 PLUS's technical team.

### 6.1 People, housing and liveability

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Respondents suggested there is a shortage of affordable housing across many communities. Some feedback acknowledged the need to balance the role of short-term holiday rentals with housing availability for permanent residents.
- Feedback was supportive of environmentally efficient housing, including tiny homes and off-grid living. These options would help meet the needs of downsizers, retirees, and nomadic lifestyles.
- Some also suggested industry should be located away from residential areas to prevent pollution and health risks. Policy needs to be strengthened to ensure accountability and prevent environmental harm, especially in places like Port Lincoln.
- Towns on the Eyre Peninsula are eager for growth however they face high construction costs, unreliable services, and a lack of regulatory oversight. Some respondents connected this to the issue of housing affordability, supply and attracting new residents.
- There is an opportunity to more accurately align development ready land with native vegetation and have a clearer policy approach to how this can be managed. Ensuring good outcomes for development as well as the environment (vegetation, water and natural hazards) was sought by respondents.

#### **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.

Early investigations in the region revealed that while there is generally an abundant supply of residential and employment-zoned land across most towns in the Eyre and Western region, this availability has not translated readily into new housing or industry investment.

Engagement with councils, industry representatives, and government providers confirmed that land supply is not the primary barrier. Instead, two key issues were identified:

- Market failure, where the cost of construction, materials, and skilled labor outweighs profitability.
- High infrastructure costs, including water, electricity, roads, stormwater, and wastewater services, which hinder housing development and economic growth.

These findings were supported by the Infrastructure Challenges and Options Paper – Eyre Peninsula 2024, prepared by RDA-EP, and endorsed by the Local Government Association, councils, and industry groups.

### **Housing diversity and affordability**

Respondents suggested there is a shortage of affordable housing across many communities. This shortage is particularly acute for essential workers, and the lack of new housing stock is impacting the region's ability to attract and retain a skilled workforce.

The Housing Roadmap (2024), released by the Premier, is supported by the Plan by outlining near-term actions that will deliver policy improvements to promote the outcomes sought in the Housing Roadmap. 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.

Feedback also supports environmentally efficient housing options, such as tiny homes and off-grid living. These alternatives are seen as suitable for downsizers, retirees, and those seeking nomadic lifestyles, contributing to housing diversity and sustainability.

In recognition of a lack of housing diversity across the region, the plan proposes a range of actions, which seek to engage with councils and state government to develop opportunities for key worker housing, temporary worker housing that are environmentally sustainable.

### **Balancing growth with livability**

Towns on the Eyre Peninsula are eager for growth but face challenges, including high construction costs, unreliable services, and limited regulatory oversight. These issues are closely linked to housing affordability and supply, which in turn affects the ability to attract new residents and support community development.

Some respondents also suggested that industry should be located away from residential areas to prevent pollution and health risks. Strengthening policy to ensure accountability and prevent environmental harm, especially in areas like Port Lincoln, was a recurring theme.

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.

To ensure employment land is protected and appropriately located in proximity to key logistic routes and a skilled workforce a strategic overlay has been applied to protect key employment precincts.

### **Tourism, short-term rentals and housing pressure**

The rise of short-term holiday rentals has created pressure on housing availability for permanent residents. While tourism is a vital economic driver, there is a need to balance its growth with the housing needs of local communities. 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.

Feedback highlighted the importance of managing this balance to ensure that tourism does not exacerbate housing shortages or reduce livability for long-term residents. 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.

In addition, the plan proposes actions that seek to create opportunities for diverse housing options that acknowledge the importance of suitable choice for existing and future residents but recognises the need for tourism accommodation.

**Infrastructure and implementation**

The high cost of infrastructure provision remains a major barrier to housing and economic development. This includes essential services such as water, electricity, roads, and waste management.

The Infrastructure Challenges and Options Paper – Eyre Peninsula 2024 identifies these costs as a key inhibitor to both housing construction and business investment. The findings are supported by economic data, employment trends, and case studies, and have been endorsed by local councils and industry stakeholders.

The Plan identifies infrastructure actions to be refined through partnerships with state agencies and utilities over the next 1–5 years. These will seek to unlock residential areas that are appropriately serviced, reducing costs to homebuyers and communities over the life of housing assets.

The plan recognises and proposes actions to further examine the issues of infrastructure provision with key stakeholders and government to find adaptable and innovative ways of removing barriers to the provision of housing and infrastructure provision across the Eyre Peninsula.

**Inconsistent planning regulation impacting on housing**

A further inhibitor to unlocking development-ready land is the Native Vegetation Overlay, which applies uniformly across the state. While it protects remnant vegetation, its application to residential-zoned land in regional cities and townships can be costly and bureaucratic.

This has led to inconsistent land use planning outcomes, where land identified for development is effectively negated due to assessment and offset costs. The Plan acknowledges the need to test the functionality and application of the overlay in this instance to ensure it supports both environmental protection and local housing requirements.

The Plan acknowledges that working with council and state agencies is critical to resolving these issues, particularly regarding vegetation in cities and towns and workers accommodation.

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.

Sub-theme	Heading	Change
	<i>Content</i>	The revised section provides a more detailed and policy-focused overview of projected population growth and housing needs in the Eyre and Western region, emphasising Whyalla’s transition to green steel, the importance of housing diversity, and the challenges faced by smaller towns. It promotes a coordinated approach involving all levels

		of government and community organisations, highlights infrastructure and environmental constraints on land development, and promotes strategic planning to ensure sustainable growth, protect local character, and deliver housing near essential services.
	<i>Key Township Profiles</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.
<b>Housing supply and diversity</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives in response to feedback.
	<i>Content</i>	The revised section provides a stronger focus on the infrastructure and regulatory barriers to housing delivery, such as servicing limitations and vegetation overlays, which can hinder development even in strategically suitable areas. It introduces the RDA infrastructure options paper as a key tool for identifying and addressing these constraints. While still aligned with the Housing Roadmap and committed to housing diversity, this section emphasises the need for coordinated government action and industry collaboration to overcome practical challenges and enable inclusive, flexible housing solutions that support both community needs and economic growth. Added land supply data for each Regional City, Major Service Centres and Supporting Service Centres in the region to enhance localised content which is region specific.
	<i>Housing Roadmap</i>	Added a breakout box outlining the government’s Housing Roadmap.
	<i>Action</i>	Amended wording for Action ‘Whyalla Master Plan - Investigate Mainstreet Zone and Character Overlay’ and moved this action from Coordination and delivery theme to People, housing and liveability theme.
	<i>Action</i>	Added action - <b>Affordable Housing:</b> “Investigate a Code Amendment to land adjoining the Cowell & District Bowling Club to unlock well located and serviced affordable housing”. Reason:
	<i>Action</i>	Added action – Infill Investigations Areas – Whyalla: “Investigate minimum residential allotment size and maximum building height TNVs to encourage the development of a diverse range of infill housing options in Whyalla.” Reason:
	<i>Action</i>	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.” Reason: This is no longer a short-term priority.
<b>Aboriginal cultural heritage and values</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional objective which seeks to ensure First Nations perspectives, cultural values, and intellectual property are respected and protected in all planning processes.
	<i>First Nations Voice to Parliament</i>	Added breakout box with details on South Australia’s First Nation’s Voice to Parliament in response to feedback.

	<i>Aboriginal sites and objects</i>	Added breakout box with details on Aboriginal sites and objects in response 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.
<b>State and local heritage</b>	<i>Content</i>	Added breakout box which details the Great Australian Bight World Heritage Bid in response to feedback.
	<i>Action</i>	Amended wording for Action ‘Infill Investigation Areas – Whyalla’ and moved this action from Coordination and Delivery Theme 5 to People, housing and liveability Theme 1.
<b>Landscape and township character</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional due to feedback.
	<i>Content</i>	Added sub-headings to improve readability and added additional contextual information to support the strategic objectives.  Added breakout box which details the work undertaken by District Council of Franklin Harbour Council in designing and redeveloping the Cowell foreshore with water park, basketball courts, skate park and marina boat mooring facilities.  Added breakout box which details the work undertaken by Streaky Bay Council in developing and preparing Streaky Bay Master Plan. The master plan sets out 30-year vision for the long-term land use plan for Streaky Bay. The plan integrates Open space, expected infrastructure, tourist accommodation and Industrial land needs.

## 6.2 Productive economy

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Strengthening connectivity between major and remote centres will boost employment and economic resilience. Expanding public and active transport networks is key to supporting workforce mobility.
- Protecting key freight and infrastructure corridors is essential for long-term economic efficiency. These corridors need to be safeguarded from incompatible development.
- Employment growth areas should identify health and care services. Feedback identified the need for investment in medical facilities, trade education (e.g., reopening TAFE buildings), and improved communications infrastructure to support regional development and population retention.
- There is a desire to expand eco-tourism across the Eyre Peninsula, especially in Cleve and Port Lincoln, through walking and cycling trails. Feedback emphasised nature-based tourism is an opportunity to be a sustainable economic driver whilst protecting the environment.
- Outcomes should place a higher emphasis on long-term planning that includes circular economy principles, local production, and sustainable industries (e.g., recycling, renewable energy, agriculture).

### **Commission's response**

The Plan supports a long-term vision to grow a more resilient and adaptable economy while protecting the Region's distinct natural values and rural character. Community feedback has been vital in shaping this direction, especially regarding the importance of sustainable tourism, primary production, and economic diversification.

### **Supporting infrastructure**

The Commission has worked closely with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to develop actions that support and protect existing infrastructure, strengthen public transport options and ensure key rail and road networks are reliable and well maintained to service the region.

The plan has acknowledged the importance of improved telecommunication infrastructure across the region as a way of improving access to education, social and medical services in remote areas to encourage population retention and improve social and community outcomes.

### **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.

### **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 Eyre and Western Regional Plan

### **Tourism: opportunity and balance**

Tourism is both a vital contributor to the Region's economy and a pressure points for housing and the environment. The Plan now includes a dedicated 'Tourism and events' sub-theme, recognising the economic, cultural and social value of this sector.

Informed by community feedback, the Plan emphasises the importance of sustainable tourism to encourage growth that supports the local economy while maintaining environmental integrity and liveability. Future zoning and land use decisions will be guided by overlays addressing protected landscapes, conservation areas, and cultural heritage sites, helping to direct tourism investment into appropriate locations.

The Plan seeks to facilitate links between tourism, community and specific local and state government agencies to enhance the tourism industry in the region, while highlighting the importance of a balanced approach to tourism development and the protection of the natural environment for future generations.

### **Industry diversification and innovation**

Respondents expressed interest in seeing less reliance on primary production and tourism, and 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’s mapping integrates various layers of economic infrastructure, such as access to broadband, logistics routes, and utilities, in the digital platform to better support regional business planning and investment attraction.

**Environmental protection and economic stewardship**

Some respondents raised concerns about economic activity impacting natural ecosystems. The Plan takes a protect-and-enhance approach to environmental assets. Spatial overlays include native vegetation, heritage agreements, national parks, and threatened ecological communities to guide zoning and land use in sensitive areas.

This enables decision-makers, developers and the community to assess the environmental compatibility of future proposals in real time. The Plan also recognises the dual benefit of environmental protection in supporting tourism, agriculture and community wellbeing. Reflected in actions directed by the Department of Environment and Water, the Coastal Protection Board and Environmental Protection Authority.

**Implementation and ongoing improvements**

The Plan’s digital format enables real-time alignment with state-wide strategies and mapping tools, allowing for timely updates as infrastructure, economic, and land use needs evolve. This ensures the Plan remains a dynamic and responsive tool to guide investment, community development, and environmental stewardship. A statutory requirement for periodic review supports continuous improvement, with a focus on testing the outcomes of short-term (0–5 year) actions outlined in the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.

**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>	Additions and amendments to the Productive Economy theme have been undertaken to add emphasis and commentary to add a greater focus on primary production, supporting diversification in business and industry, more flexibility in workers accommodation and sustainable tourism. In addition to updated employment data, strengthened focus on workforce and childcare needs, and additional emphasis on protecting natural and cultural landscapes while supporting sustainable economic growth.
<b>Employment lands</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ in response to feedback.

	<i>Content</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. Added breakout box profiling the Coffin Bay Business Precinct Regeneration Project
<b>State-significant employment precincts</b>	<i>Content</i>	Added a breakout box profiling the Whyalla Steelworks support package and green steel transition proposition.
<b>Activity centres and retail</b>	<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 seven 'Long-term strategic objectives' for the additional sub theme to support the Outcome for Productive Economy.
<b>Tourism and Events</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Amended 'Long-term strategic objectives' in response to feedback.
	<i>Content</i>	Revised content retains core regional tourism strengths and visitor data but adds stronger emphasis on environmental sensitivity and expands policy review scope to include marinas, golf courses, and sustainable agri-tourism, while reinforcing the need to balance economic benefits with landscape and cultural protection.
<b>Waste and resource recovery</b>	<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.
<b>Primary Industry</b>	<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.
<b>Mineral and energy resources</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added an additional objective in response to feedback.
	<i>Actions</i>	Action deleted:

		<p>“Initiate a Code Amendment to broaden the application of the Resource Extraction Protection Area Overlay which seeks to protect extraction operations from incompatible development for the Port Neill quarry, Ceduna quarry, Port Lincoln quarry, Lake MacDonnell quarry.”</p> <p>Reason: To reflect feedback received from the Department for Energy and Mining.</p>
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### 6.3 Natural resources, environment and landscapes

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- The natural landscape is seen as the region’s most important asset, especially in areas like Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay, and Streaky Bay, where it underpins tourism and community identity. Some suggested mandatory eco-friendly features in new developments as a solution for maintaining natural assets.
- Strong support for protecting natural coastal landscapes and increasing the number of formalised boardwalks and trails to manage public access while preserving sensitive environments.
- There needs to be a balance between tourism and conservation in coastal towns. Planning policy for accommodation near coastal areas could be improved to enhance preservation.
- Biodiversity and hazard mapping was supported but feedback called for more detail on future opportunities for climate-resilient planning.

#### 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.

#### Natural landscapes and protection of the natural environment

The natural landscape is widely regarded as the Eyre Peninsula region’s most valuable asset, particularly in iconic coastal areas such as Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay, Streaky Bay and the Great Australian Bight. The towns and landscapes not only support tourism but also shape the identity and lifestyle of Eyre and Western Region. The Plan acknowledges the world heritage bid for the Great Australian Bight along with other actions within the plan to protect the natural environment.

There is strong community support for the protection of natural coastal environments, alongside providing access to these areas through formalised boardwalks and walking trails. The Plan acknowledges strategies are required to manage public access to sensitive areas, reduce environmental degradation while still allowing people to enjoy the natural beauty of the region. This approach reflects a desire to balance accessibility with conservation, ensuring long-term protection of fragile ecosystems. Although largely confined to local government responsibilities the regional plan seeks to develop partnerships and opportunities to link councils with agencies and grants, through the preparation of land use management plans for areas recognised for eco-tourism and conservation.

#### 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.

There were suggestions to introduce mandatory eco-friendly features in all new developments. These could include sustainable building materials, water-sensitive urban design, and renewable energy integration, ensuring that growth aligns with environmental stewardship. Climate resilience will continue to be embedded across zoning and land use decisions, with a commitment to support future-proofed housing, infrastructure, settlement patterns, and natural asset buffers

**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.

**Environmentally sensitive tourist development**

The Plan acknowledges that balancing tourism and conservation is a central challenge, particularly in coastal towns where tourism is a major economic driver.

The Plan supports sustainable coastal development in appropriate locations, ensuring that tourism infrastructure aligns with environmental values and enhances the visitor experience while preserving the natural character of the region.

**Detail biodiversity and hazard mapping**

There was general support for the use of biodiversity and hazard mapping as tools for informed planning. However, stakeholders called for more detailed information and clearer guidance on how these maps could be used to support climate-resilient development. This includes identifying areas at risk from sea-level rise, bushfires, and habitat loss, and integrating this data into land-use planning to safeguard both human and ecological communities.

To support this, the Plan will draw on research undertaken by the Department of Environment and Water into climate change and sea level rise, ensuring that hazard mapping reflects the most current scientific understanding.

The 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
Biodiversity	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added two additional objectives in response to feedback.
	<i>Native vegetation legislation</i>	Added breakout box with details on Native vegetation legislation to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.

<b>Climate change</b>	Long-term strategic objectives	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' and added one additional objective in response to feedback.
	Action	Amended wording for Action: "Investigate policy approaches that enable the consideration of cumulative carbon impacts and aim for carbon neutrality" to "To aim for carbon neutrality, investigate policy approaches that enable the consideration of embodied carbon."  Reason: To align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.
<b>Coastal environment</b>	Long-term strategic objectives	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' due to feedback.
	Learn more about the legislative framework	Added breakout box with details on legislation to enhance visibility within the sub-theme.
	Actions	Action added addressing Lucky Bay coastal hazards and the need for a Coastal Management Study to measure the impact of dune shift and sea level rise on the Lucky Bay settlement.
	Actions	Amended action 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 Overlay, to update coastal flooding policy and associated finished ground and floor level Technical and Numeric Variations."  Reason: To align the with the Action in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (published 17 March 2025) which has application for the region.
<b>Natural hazards</b>	Long-term strategic objectives	Refined previous 'Long-term strategic objectives' in response to feedback.
	Actions	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."  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.
	Actions	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."  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.

<b>Emissions and hazardous activities</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added an additional objective in response to feedback.
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## 6.4 Transport and infrastructure

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Restoring rail services for freight and passenger lines across the Eyre Peninsula to reduce road freight, improve safety and reinvigorate regional towns.
- Existing ports such as Thevenard, Port Lincoln, and Whyalla and proposed port upgrades should be included in the Plan to reflect their strategic importance. Development timelines should align with export capacity.
- Feedback recognised walking and cycling trails as essential transport infrastructure, especially in Port Lincoln and other regional centres, and identified benefits for health, accessibility, and reduced car dependency.
- Enhancing connectivity across the region supports economic and social inclusion and public and active transport networks are vital for accessibility. Public transport is currently inaccessible across the Eyre Peninsula and does not provide connectivity.
- Equal attention should be given to wastewater in growth planning. Higher density areas face challenges in augmenting existing networks. Extension of water infrastructure to areas like Point Boston, especially in light of the new desalination plant, is seen as a priority to support growing residential and industrial needs.
- Greater supply of overtaking lanes on key regional highways, particularly between Port Augusta and Port Lincoln, to create safer roads. The provision of additional overtaking lanes and road sealing/surface upgrades are a priority, particularly during harvest seasons with increased freight traffic. Feedback suggested this will also have flow on effects to improve tourism and visitation to the region.

### Commission’s response

The Commission recognises the critical role that transport and infrastructure play in shaping the future of the Eyre Peninsula. Feedback from stakeholders has consistently highlighted the need for improved connectivity, safer roads, restored rail services, and environmentally sensitive infrastructure planning. Addressing these priorities are essential not only for economic development but also for enhancing liveability and sustainability across the region.

#### Restoring freight and passenger services across Eyre Peninsula

The Plan acknowledges the importance of a safe, efficient, and sustainable transport network to support regional growth across the Eyre and Western region.

While there is a continued and practical reliance on road infrastructure to meet current freight and passenger needs, the Plan seeks to align state agency efforts to improve the safety and resilience of the region’s freight networks.

In parallel, the Plan supports opportunities to consider reinstatement of rail freight and passenger services wherever feasible, recognising the long-term benefits of rail in reducing heavy vehicle traffic, improving road safety, supporting tourism, and stimulating economic activity in towns along the corridor.

The plan seeks improvements through coordinated action with government partnerships, this integrated approach aims to deliver a more connected, sustainable, and safe transport system for the region.

### **Safer and better-connected roads**

The Plan acknowledges that road safety and connectivity are ongoing concerns across the Eyre Peninsula. Community feedback strongly supported targeted infrastructure improvements, including:

- Construction of additional overtaking lanes, particularly between Port Augusta and Port Lincoln, to reduce congestion and improve safety
- Road surface upgrades and sealing, especially on freight-heavy routes used during harvest seasons.

These road upgrades are felt necessary to improve safety for all road users, while also enhancing freight efficiency, reducing travel times, and improving regional accessibility. Through a related action the Plan seeks alignment with the South Australian Transport Strategy (led by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport).

### **Enhance transport safety (road, rail, pedestrian and cycling) connectivity across towns and the region**

Connectivity across towns and communities is essential for social inclusion, economic participation, and access to services. However, public transport across the Eyre Peninsula is currently limited and inaccessible, leaving many residents without viable options for travel.

Feedback emphasised the importance of:

- Expanding public transport networks to connect remote and regional centres.
- Investing in walking and cycling infrastructure, particularly in Port Lincoln and other regional hubs, to promote active transport, reduce car dependency, and improve health outcomes.
- Creating integrated transport systems that support mobility for all age groups and abilities.

The plan will work with local government and Department of Transport to implement actions from the South Australian Transport Strategy to improve transport connectivity within and in between townships across the region to help bridge social and economic divides and support more inclusive regional development.

### **Environmentally sensitive design in growth planning**

The Plan acknowledges the increasing need of environmentally sensitive infrastructure planning in a drying climate. Feedback highlighted the need to address wastewater challenges in townships where existing networks may be insufficient, and to integrate sustainable infrastructure solutions that minimise environmental harm and enhance resilience.

Water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles and integrated approaches to stormwater management, inclusive of water conservation and the use of permeable surfaces and green infrastructure are seen to be important in achieving sustainable management of water resources.

To support this, the plan seeks to support innovative and collaborative approaches to develop local and regional approaches to water provision, conservation, and reuse.

## **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
	Content	<p>The revised section strengthens the connection between land use and infrastructure planning, framing it as essential for coordinated and sustainable growth. It introduces a formal definition of infrastructure and places greater emphasis on strategic integration with transport, essential services, and social infrastructure. Additional context has been added addressing freight planning, and highlights the importance of accessibility, climate resilience, and proactive land protection for future infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Added a breakout box outlining the importance of jetty infrastructure within the region and the challenges facing their ongoing maintenance.</p>
<b>Strategic Transport Networks</b>	<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional objective in response to feedback.
	<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>Actions</i>	<p>Added Action – “Incorporate any planning and land use related outcomes from the Remote and Regional Aviation Strategy such as any Code Amendments.”</p> <p>Reason: To align the with the DIT Transport Forward Works Plan 2024-27 which has application for the region.</p>
<b>Water Security and Integrated Water Management</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ in response to feedback.
	<i>Content</i>	<p>The revised section broadens the contextual scope and depth of water planning in the region. It introduces legislative considerations around water pricing, adds detail on infrastructure projects like the Billy Lights Point desalination plant and Northern Water Supply pipeline, and emphasizes adaptive planning to respond to climate and demand uncertainties. It also expands the focus on integrated water sources – including stormwater, recycled water, and purified water – and highlights the role of water-sensitive urban design in supporting liveability. In addition, to profiling regional specific water supply challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Added breakout box detailing the Eyre Peninsula Regional Drought Resilience Plan.</p>

	<i>Action</i>	Added Action: “Development of long-term water and wastewater master plans to update the Eyre and Western .”  Reason: In response to feedback from SA Water which has application for the region.
	<i>Action</i>	Added Action: “Development of a water strategy for the Eyre and Western region which will address the demands of SA Water’s existing and potential future customers and consider all sources of water.”  Reason: In response to feedback from SA Water which has application for the region.
<b>Social infrastructure</b>	<i>Content</i>	The revised content has been expanded adding new content on benchmarking principles and population projections. It also highlights digital infrastructure upgrades (e.g., NBN in Wudinna), and emphasizes the need for early planning, inter-regional partnerships, and targeted interventions in aged care, disability services, and community health.
	<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.
<b>Energy and telecommunications</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added an additional objective in response to feedback.
	<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.
<b>Infrastructure corridors and reserves</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added additional objective in response to feedback.

## 6.5 Delivery and implementation

Key feedback relating to this theme included:

- Feedback highlighted the need for cautious, transparent planning processes that support long-term community trust. Successful implementation depends on coordinated efforts between state and local governments, private landholders, Traditional Owners and environmental stakeholders.

- There was support for the 30-year timeline and encourage the Plan to be reviewed every 2–3 years to ensure continuity beyond election cycles, enabling sustainable community growth and consistent implementation.
- Early identification of infrastructure needs, including water and road, need to be tied to population and land use to ensure proactive and timely delivery. There is a need for measurable outcomes to ensure the Plan is held to account and does not become aspirational without action.
- Eyre Peninsula Councils have multiple active projects that highlight the need for alignment between the Plan and local initiatives to ensure coordinated delivery. Creating more efficient economies of scale within Councils was suggested to increase efficiency and enable more impactful projects for the region.
- Continued opportunities for refining the online tool and creating a strong link to lived experience on ground. Ensuring resources are accessible for those with poor internet connectivity or digital literacy will contribute to its accessibility.

## **Commission’s response**

### **Collaborative planning between council and state government to maintain community trust**

Feedback emphasised the importance of cautious and transparent planning processes to build and maintain long-term trust within the community. Successful implementation of the Plan will depend on coordinated efforts among state and local governments, private landholders, Traditional Owners, and environmental stakeholders. Establishing and maintaining clear and open communication channels along with inclusive decision-making frameworks will help ensure that all voices continue to be equitably heard and respected throughout the planning and implementation process of the plan.

### **Infrastructure needs identified early and planned for in advance**

Early identification of infrastructure requirements, such as water supply, road networks, and essential services, is critical to support projected population growth and land use changes. Consequently, planning for infrastructure provision must be proactive, with infrastructure delivery tied to measurable outcomes to ensure accountability and equity, as without clear benchmarks and timelines, there is a risk that the Plan may remain aspirational rather than actionable. This becomes more apparent if essential infrastructure is too costly or unavailable to meet housing demand and community needs.

### **Cooperative and coordinated approach between councils and state government on local initiatives**

The Plan acknowledges that Eyre Peninsula councils are managing multiple active projects, often with limited budgets and capacity. Feedback highlighted the need for stronger alignment between regional planning and local initiatives to streamline efforts, avoid duplication, and create economies of scale. A cooperative approach will enable more efficient use of resources and support impactful projects that benefit the broader region.

To assist councils, the development of the Plan has provided a foundation to enable continued open and ongoing communication with the Commission via DHUD ensuring that local priorities are reflected in regional and state-level planning. This coordination will also help identify shared opportunities, reduce administrative burden, and foster collaboration across sectors.

### **Action (0–5 years)**

Establishing a regional engagement and review framework that includes progress reviews will be critical. This will be supported by enhancements to the online planning tool and targeted toolkits to improve digital inclusion and ensure all communities can participate meaningfully in planning processes.

Ongoing engagement with councils and communities is essential to ensure the successful delivery of key objectives. There was support for the Plan’s 30-year timeline, with recommendations for reviews every 2–3 years to maintain momentum and continuity beyond election cycles.

**Amendments to the Plan**

*Theme: Delivery and implementation*

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
	Content	The revised content introduces a more detailed and structured approach to regional plan implementation, including governance, funding, monitoring, and digital tools. It adds mechanisms for streamlined Code Amendments under the PDI Act, outlines online delivery and reporting features, and emphasizes adaptive planning and alignment with whole-of-government strategies.
<b>Coordination and delivery</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Refined previous ‘Long-term strategic objectives’ and added one additional objective in response to feedback.
	<i>Whyalla draft Master Plan</i>	Added breakout box within the sub-theme with details on the draft Whyalla Master Plan to enhance visibility and based on feedback.
	<i>Actions</i>	Added Action: “Port Lincoln and surrounds growth planning”  Undertake coordinated growth planning for Port Lincoln and its surrounds, in collaboration with Port Lincoln City Council and the Lower Eyre Council, to identify land for future projected housing and employment growth and identify requirements and timing for local infrastructure and services to inform updates to the Regional Plan.
	<i>Actions</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>Actions</i>	Added Action: “Housing Strategy – Whyalla”  Develop a local housing strategy for Whyalla, including the requirements and timing for local infrastructure and services, to inform updates to the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.  Reason: To plan for the implementation of housing requirements through the preparation of a local housing strategy.
	<i>Actions</i>	Added Action – “Development of long-term water and wastewater master plans that will update the Eyre & Western Regional Plan”.  Reason: Based on feedback from SA Water during engagement.
<b>Infrastructure charging</b>	<i>Long-term strategic objectives</i>	Incorporated and refined previous ‘Strategies for the Region’ into seven ‘Long-term strategic objectives’

	<i>Actions</i>	<p>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".</p> <p>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.</p>
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## 6.6 Summary of recommended changes

The following table provides a summary of changes proposed to the Eyre and Western Regional Plan following statutory engagement:

<b>Proposed change</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<u>Spatial amendments</u>	
<u>Cowell – Proposed Changes</u>	
	<p>The Franklin Harbour Growth Strategy identified several sites that require rezoning to improve the land use functionality of the town:</p> <p>Site A: To rezone from TMS to Neighbourhood Zone.</p> <p>Site B: Revised Township Main Street (TMS) area, as proposed by Council. The change would resolve anomalies created through the transition to the planning and design code.</p> <p>Site C: Signal a rezoning from Caravan &amp; Tourist Park to Open Space.</p> <p>Site D: Signal Open Space to Neighbourhood zone.</p> <p>The signal to amend the zones within Cowell is in accordance with strategic objective of Franklin Harbour Growth Management Plan. Furthermore, the change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
<b>Proposed change</b>	
<u>Spatial amendments</u>	
<u>Streaky Bay</u>	
	<p>The Regional Planning Team, in consultation with DC Streaky Bay have signalled several sites across the town of Streaky Bay, in accordance with the Streaky Bay MasterPlan as developed by Council.</p> <p>The Master plan sets out a 40-year horizon for long-term growth of the town, with thought given to:</p> <p>Site A; Future Residential lands (Deferred Urban,</p>

	<p>Neighbourhood and Rural Living)                  Sites B: Future employment.                  Site C; Caravan &amp; Tourism Park,                  Site D: Open Space, Site E: Infrastructure.</p> <p>The signal to amend zones within Streaky Bay is in accordance with The Streaky Bay and District Township Masterplans 2024, The strategic planning work undertaken by District Council of Streaky Bay, the work has full endorsement of Council after extensive community consultation and review. The proposed changes are also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
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<b>Proposed change</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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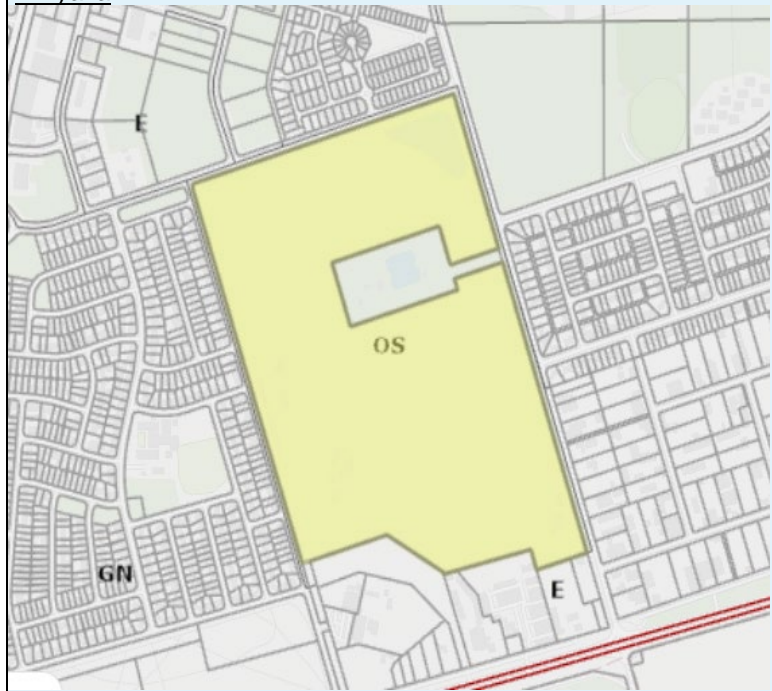
Whyalla

	<p>The site is the former Edward John Eyre High School as identified within the Whyalla Master Plan as being ideally located for redevelopment and reuse. The site has an area of 11.8ha and is predominately cleared of native vegetation. The buildings and grounds are suitable for a variety of adaptable uses, open space activities, and also diversity of housing and community and recreational facilities.</p> <p>To facilitate the above uses the site will require rezoning from current Community Facilities Zone to Neighbourhood Zone as signalled within the Master Plan.</p>
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	<p>The signal to amend zones, within Whyalla Master Plan is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
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<b>Proposed change</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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<u>Spatial amendments</u>	
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<p><u>Whyalla</u></p> 	<p>The site is the former race course but still contains community infrastructure and a large storm water detention basin, with an area of approximately 52 hectares. The is underutilised and has been identified, within the Whyalla Master Plan as suitable for future Open Space; Infrastructure, housing diversification and additional community uses.</p> <p>To facilitate the above uses the site will require rezoning from current Open Space Zone to Neighbourhood Zone as signalled within the Master Plan.</p> <p>The signal to amend the zoning of the subject site is in accordance with the Whyalla Master Plan developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
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<p><u>Whyalla</u></p>	<p>The 2 sites identified as Sites A and B are signalled within the Whyalla Master Plan as future Open Space.</p> <p>Site A: Currently zoned Suburban Neighbourhood</p> <p>Site B: Currently zoned Urban Renewal Neighbourhood.</p> <p>Land use analysis undertaken during the development of the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan</p>
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found the 2 sites would better suited to open space, with residential intensification to occur surrounding the subject sites.

The signal to amend zones within Whyalla is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by Council as part of the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan process. The change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.

**Proposed change**

**Reason**

Spatial amendments

Whyalla



The subject site is a parcel of approximately 3.5 hectares and site has been identified, within the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan, as being better suited to support the extension of the existing Caravan and Tourism Park, which abuts the western boundary.

To facilitate the above change the site will require rezoning from current Suburban Neighbourhood Zone to Caravan and Tourist Park Zone as signalled within the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan.

The signal to amend zones within Whyalla is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by Council as part of the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan process. The change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.


**Proposed change**

**Reason**

Spatial amendments

Whyalla

Site A: The former Whyalla High School (State heritage Listed),

	<p>and associated open space identified within the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan for future Urban Renewal Neighbourhood Zone.</p> <p>To facilitate the above change the site will require rezoning from current Suburban Neighbourhood Zone to Urban Renewal Neighbourhood Zone as signalled within the Master Plan.</p> <p>The signal to amend zones within Whyalla is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by Council as part of the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan process. The change is also consistent, with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
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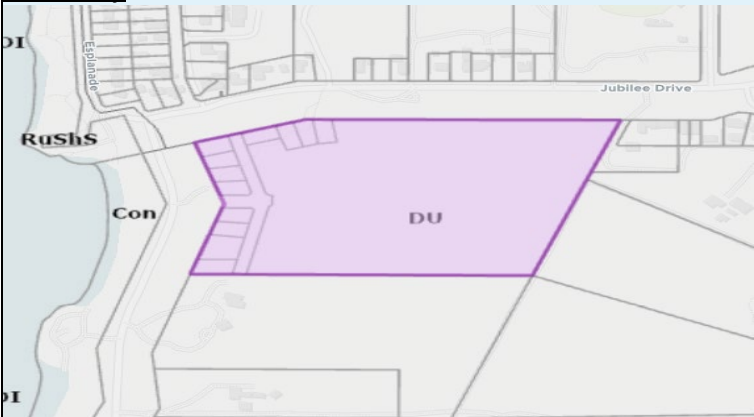

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<u>Cummins</u>	
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	<p>Site A is currently identified as Rural Zone in the planning and design code and has an approximate area of 12.9ha. Lower Eyre Council have identified the subject site, within the Cummins Master Plan, as suitable for future Strategic Employment, with the intent of extending and consolidating the Strategic Employment area to the north of Cummins.</p> <p>To facilitate the above change the site will require rezoning from current Rural Zone to Strategic Employment Zone subject to environmental, infrastructure and social and community reports and assessments.</p> <p>The signal to amend zones within Cummins is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by Lower Eyre Council. The change is also consistent with SPPs and the principles of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan.</p>
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<p><u>Coffin Bay</u></p> 	<p><i>The site is currently identified as <u>Deferred Urban</u>, with an <u>approximate area of 9.6 hectares</u> and has been identified, within the <u>Coffin Bay Master Plan</u>, undertaken by Lower Eyre Council, as suitable to rezone site from deferred urban to <u>Neighbourhood Zone</u>. It is proposed signalling for neighbourhood will require extensive land clearing and infrastructure development.</i></p> <p><i>The signal to amend zones within Coffin Bay is in accordance with the strategic planning work undertaken by Lower Eyre Council.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Proposed change</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Reason</u></b></p>
<p><u>Spatial amendments</u></p>	
<p><u>Coffin Bay</u></p> 	<p>The site is currently identified as Deferred Urban in the planning and design code, with an approximate area of 7.9 hectares.</p> <p>Lower Eyre Council have identified the subject site as suitable for nature-based tourism development, within the Coffin Bay Master Plan.</p> <p>The site signalled for rezoning from Deferred Urban to Tourism Development Zone, with the need for a bespoke Sub-zone to accommodate a low scale, low impact outcome consistent with an eco-tourism offering.</p> <p>The signal to amend zones within Coffin Bay is in accordance with the Coffin Bay Master Plan, undertaken by Lower Eyre Council.</p>
<p><b><u>Proposed change</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Reason</u></b></p>
<p><u>Spatial amendments</u></p>	
<p><u>Coffin Bay</u></p>	<p>Sites A &amp; B          Site A: is currently identified as Deferred Urban in the planning and design code.          Lower Eyre Council have identified the subject site, within the Coffin</p>



Bay Master Plan, to extend the existing Strategic Employment Zone, which abuts the eastern boundary of the site. The Master Plan describes land supply limitations of Strategic Employment zoned land as the key driver for the rezoning. The site signalled for rezoning to Strategic Employment, will assist in providing a 15-year supply of employment zoned lands. To facilitate the above change the site will require rezoning from current Deferred Urban Zone to Strategic Employment Zone subject to environmental, infrastructure and social and community reports, and subdivision to form the allotment.

**Site B:**  
 The site has an approximate area of 7.2 hectares and is currently identified as Deferred Urban in the planning and design code. Lower Eyre Council have identified the subject site through strategic analysis undertaken as part of the Coffin Bay Business Precinct Regeneration Project, as suitable for extension to the existing Strategic Employment Zone, which abuts the western boundary of the site. The site is currently identified as Infrastructure Zone (Inf) used by Council as a waste transfer facility. The intention is for the use to continue until an alternative area is identified. The signal to amend zones within Coffin Bay is in accordance with the Coffin Bay Master Plan, undertaken by Lower Eyre Council.

<b>Proposed change</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<u>Spatial amendments</u>	
<u>Coffin Bay</u>	Site A is currently identified as Recreation Zone, with an area of approximately 23.4 hectares and has been identified through discussion, with Lower Eyre Council, as suitable for exploration as future residential land. It must be noted the site has not been formally recognised within the Coffin Bay Master Plan. Further the site will require subdivision from the



parent allotment. Whilst, not specifically identified in the Coffin Bay Master Plan, the site has the potential to allow for unconstrained residential development, subject to infrastructure and environmental assessments.

It is proposed the identified site will be signalled for future residential use.

To facilitate the above change the site will require rezoning from current Recreation Zone to neighbourhood type Zone.

The signal to amend zones within Coffin Bay is in accordance with discussions between DHUD and Lower Eyre Council.

## **7 Refer to the Minister for Planning and Local Government**

On 02 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/0007/1544587/EWRP-Community-Group-Submissions.pdf](https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1544587/EWRP-Community-Group-Submissions.pdf)

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## Attachment 2 – Evaluation against the Charter principles

The engagement was evaluated by the PLUS Strategic Communications Unit.

	Evaluation statement	Response options
1	The <b>engagement reached</b> 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	<b>Engagement was reviewed</b> 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 <b>occurred early enough</b> 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
<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>		

	Evaluation statement	Response options
4	Engagement <b>contributed to the substance of the final plan</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In a significant way <input type="checkbox"/> In a moderate way <input type="checkbox"/> In a minor way <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
<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	Engagement provided <b>feedback to community about outcomes</b> of engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formally (report or public forum) <input type="checkbox"/> Informally (closing summaries) <input type="checkbox"/> No feedback provided
<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	Identify <b>key strength</b> of the Charter and Guide	
<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	Identify <b>key challenge</b> of the charter and Guide	
<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>		

## Attachment 3 – Phase 2 (visioning) engagement

### [What We Heard – Eyre and Western Visioning Workshop](#)

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# What We Heard

September 2024

## Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western Regional Plan.

# Attachment 4 – Communication material

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

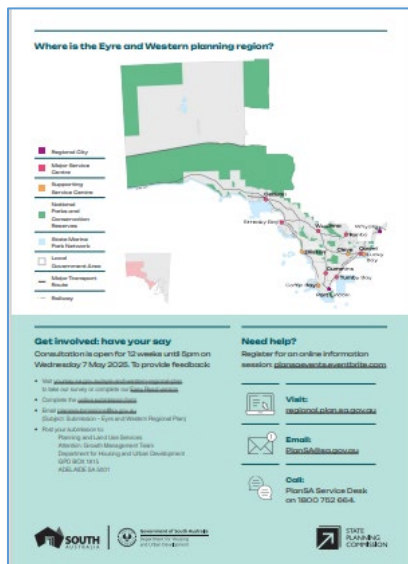
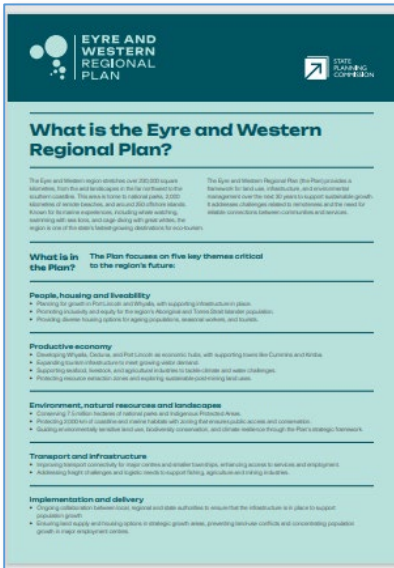
### Regional Plan Summary

#### [Eyre and Western Regional Plan Summary](#)



### Fact sheet

#### [Eyre and Western Fact Sheet](#)



### FAQs

#### [Eyre and Western FAQs](#)

**EYRE AND WESTERN REGIONAL PLAN**

**Frequently Asked Questions Eyre and Western Regional Plan**

**Who is the State Planning Commission?**  
The State Planning Commission (the Commission) is South Australia's leading development assessment and planning advisory body. It provides independent advice on aspects of planning and development and is responsible for preparing regional plans.

**What is a regional plan?**  
Regional plans are prepared for land planning and development in South Australia, within a local region. These plans may last a 10- to 20-year vision, including:

- Where new housing and public infrastructure should be located
- Strategies to protect key areas with ecological values
- How transport networks should evolve to improve connectivity for people, services and smaller transport modes
- The essential infrastructure needed to support growth
- How can we protect biodiversity, natural heritage and landscapes
- Using appropriate data to mitigate risks from weather-related events

The Commission, in partnership with Planning and Land Services, is developing an interim regional plan for South Australia, including the Eyre and Western region. Following the draft and stage 1 consultation, the regional plan will be implemented.

**Did you know?**  
South Australia has the only fully digital planning system in the country, including the Regional Planning Portal. This platform provides interactive maps, digital plans, and online data, helping sign planning decisions with regional needs and supporting infrastructure, land use, and transport development across the state.

**Where is the Eyre and Western planning region?**

**What is the Eyre and Western Regional Plan?**  
The Eyre and Western Regional Plan sets a 20-year vision for land use, infrastructure, and the environment to support sustainable growth.

**What are the Plan's key themes?**  
The Plan focuses on:

- People, living and wellbeing
- Productive economy
- Governance, value measures and landscapes
- Transport and infrastructure
- Implementation and delivery

**What are some of the key themes that I can provide input on?**  
We are particularly interested in your views on four areas:

- People, living and wellbeing
- Productive economy
- Governance, value measures and landscapes
- Transport and infrastructure

**How is the Plan developed?**  
Under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, regional plans are developed by each of the state planning regions. Input from local councils, businesses, and residents is gathered through consultation, surveys, and ongoing consultation stages. The Plan ensures it meets regional needs and opportunities.

**How can I learn more about the Plan?**  
Join one of our online information sessions to hear directly from our planners. Register at: <https://www.planning.sa.gov.au>

You can also learn more by:

- Visiting:** <https://www.planning.sa.gov.au>
- Emailing:** [Plan@planning.sa.gov.au](mailto:Plan@planning.sa.gov.au)
- Calling:** PlanSA Service Desk on 1800 752 654.

**How can I provide feedback on the Plan?**  
Consultation is open for 12 weeks until 8pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025. Visit <https://www.planning.sa.gov.au> to provide your feedback.

**When will the Plan be implemented?**  
After consultation, feedback will be considered, and the Plan updated and presented to the Commission for endorsement. The Final Plan is expected to be released in late 2025 and will be accessible on the [Regional Planning Portal](https://www.planning.sa.gov.au).

**Stay updated**  
Sign up for the [Eyre and Western Newsletter](https://www.planning.sa.gov.au). Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.planning.sa.gov.au), [X \(Twitter\)](https://www.planning.sa.gov.au) and [LinkedIn](https://www.planning.sa.gov.au) for regular updates.

Easy Read guide

[Eyre and Western Easy Read Guide](#)

**EYRE AND WESTERN REGIONAL PLAN**

**Eyre and Western Regional Plan Summary Easy Read Guide**

**How to use this guide**

**PlanSA** Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) wrote this document. When you see the word 'we' it means PLUS.

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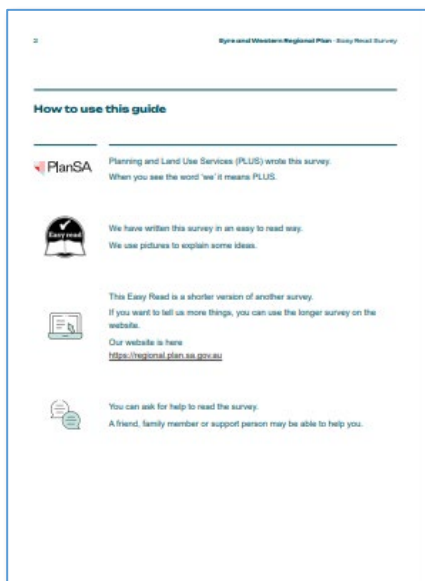
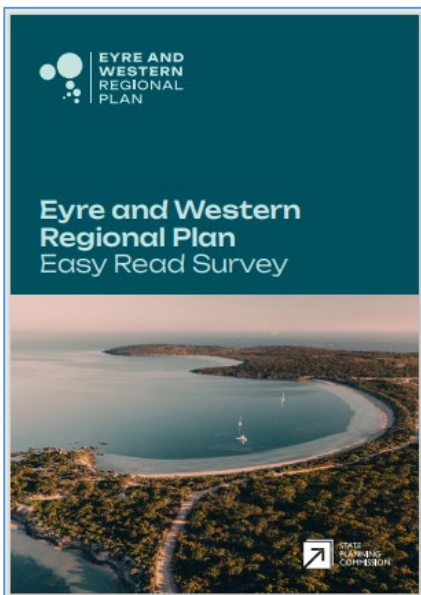
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This Easy Read is a summary of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan. We will call it the Plan! This guide only includes the most important ideas from the Plan. You can find the full Plan on our website. Please visit <https://www.regionalplan.sa.gov.au>

You can ask for help to read the Plan. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

Easy Read survey

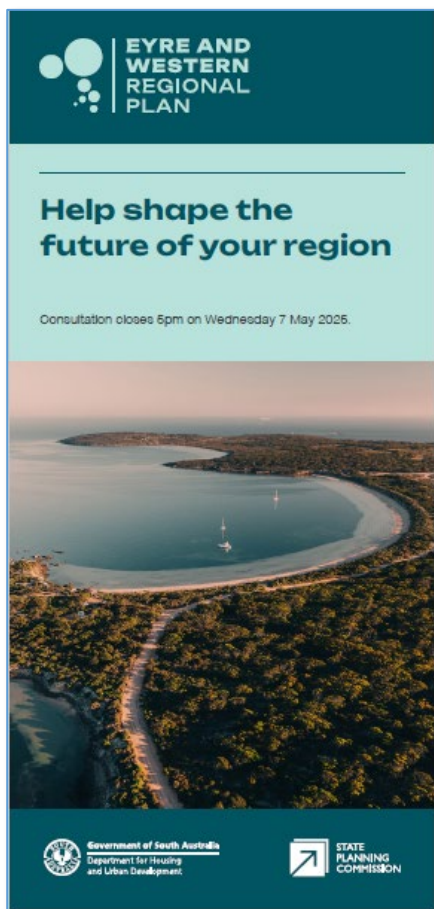
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Community poster



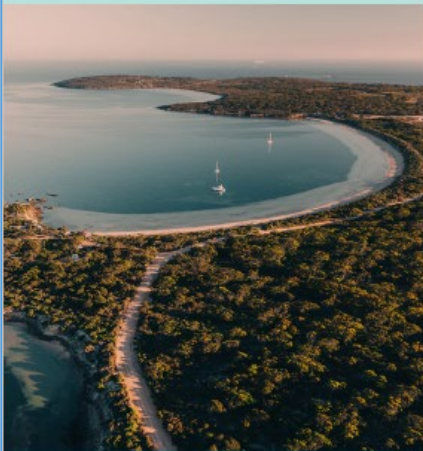
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**EYRE AND WESTERN REGIONAL PLAN**

**Help shape the future of your region**

Consultation closes 6pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.



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**What is in the Plan?**

The Eyre and Western 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 agriculture, tourism, and aquaculture. 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 housing options for ageing populations and seasonal workers.
- Developing Whyalla, Oeduna, and Port Lincoln as economic hubs, with the infrastructure needed to support growth.
- Expanding tourism infrastructure to cater to rising visitor numbers.
- Supporting the seafood, livestock, and agricultural industries to overcome challenges related to climate change, water, and freight.
- Promoting renewable energy initiatives like the Hydrogen Jobs Plan and Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub.
- Improving transport connectivity between major centres and smaller townships.

**Get involved**

**Consultation period:**  
Wednesday 12 February until 6pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

**For further information:**  
[yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan)



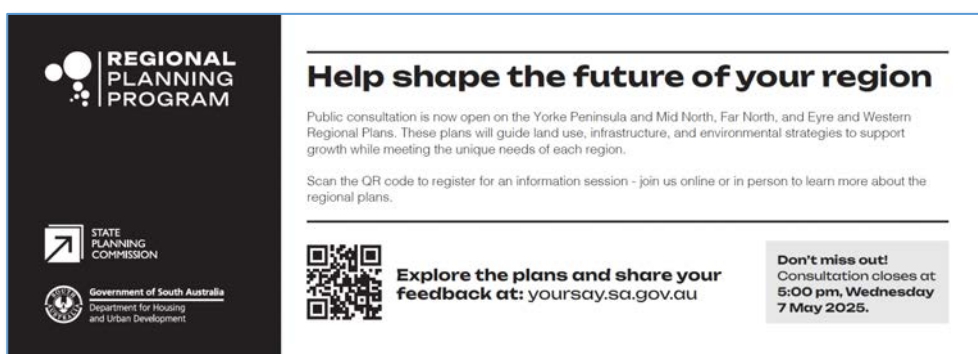
**Newspaper ads – consultation open**

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](https://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

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## 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.**

Visit [yoursay.sa.gov.au](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au) or scan the QR code to share your feedback today.

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

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**Eyre and Western Regional Plan display board and handout**

**1**

**Eyre and Western Regional Plan**

The Eyre and Western region is approximately 220,000 square kilometres, covering the Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Far North, and Mid North. It is a diverse region with a rich natural environment, a strong agricultural and pastoral base, and a growing population. The region is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes in South Australia, including the Flinders Ranges, the Flinders Ranges National Park, and the Flinders Ranges National Park.

**How to get involved**

We invite you to provide feedback on the Eyre and Western Regional Plan. Consultation is open from 17 April to 7 May 2025.

- Register for an online information session
- Submit your feedback online
- Attend your feedback session
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- Attend your feedback session

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**What is the Eyre and Western Regional Plan?**

The Eyre and Western Regional Plan sets a 30-year vision for the region and provides a framework for future development. The plan focuses on creating a sustainable future for the region, ensuring enough jobs, housing, and services for the future. The plan also focuses on protecting the region's natural environment, including its unique landscapes, wildlife, and cultural heritage.

**The planning vision for the Eyre and Western region**

A sustainable and thriving region that embraces innovation, energy, agriculture, and tourism. A region that is resilient, inclusive, and sustainable. A region that is a leader in innovation, energy, agriculture, and tourism. A region that is resilient, inclusive, and sustainable.

**3**

**Eyre and Western planning region**

The map shows the planning region, which includes the Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Far North, and Mid North. The map also shows the regional cities, major towns, and infrastructure. The map is color-coded to show different planning zones, including the Regional City, Major Service Centre, Secondary Centre, and Rural Town.

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### A snapshot of the Plan

**Population summary**

Population Growth Scenario (2021-2051)	2021	2031	2041	2051
High	~1,000,000	~1,200,000	~1,400,000	~1,600,000
Medium	~1,000,000	~1,100,000	~1,250,000	~1,400,000
Low	~1,000,000	~1,050,000	~1,150,000	~1,250,000

**Project population**

2021: 1,000,000  
2031: 1,100,000  
2041: 1,250,000  
2051: 1,400,000

**Project population by age group**

**Housing land supply**

30,689 **Residential** 25,777 (82%) **Residential**

2.2 **Number of residential lots** 182 **Number of residential lots**

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### Key themes of the Plan

**People, housing and liveability**

Planning for growth in Port Lincoln and Whyalla, with supporting infrastructure in 2051.

Promoting industry and equity for the regions' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations.

Providing diverse housing options for ageing populations, seasonal workers, and tourists.

**Productive economy**

Developing Whyalla, Ceduna, and Port Lincoln as secondary hubs, with supporting towns like Ceduna and Wiluna.

Encouraging local business ventures to meet growing sector demand.

Supporting agricultural, seafood, and agricultural industries to tackle climate and water challenges.

Promoting marine ecosystem health and ensuring sustainable green-tourism land uses.

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### Key themes of the Plan

**Environment, natural resources and landscapes**

Conserving 78 million hectares of national parks and Indigenous Protected Areas.

Protecting 2,000 km of coastline and marine habitats with strong threat science, public access and conservation.

Guiding environmentally sensitive land uses, including urbanisation, and climate resilience through the Plan's Strategic Framework.

**Transport and infrastructure**

Improving transport connectivity for major centres and smaller communities, ensuring access to services and employment.

Addressing freight challenges and logistic needs to support fishing, agriculture and mining industries.

**Implementation and delivery**

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

Ensuring land stability and housing options in strategic growth areas, providing land use certainty and supporting population growth in major employment centres.

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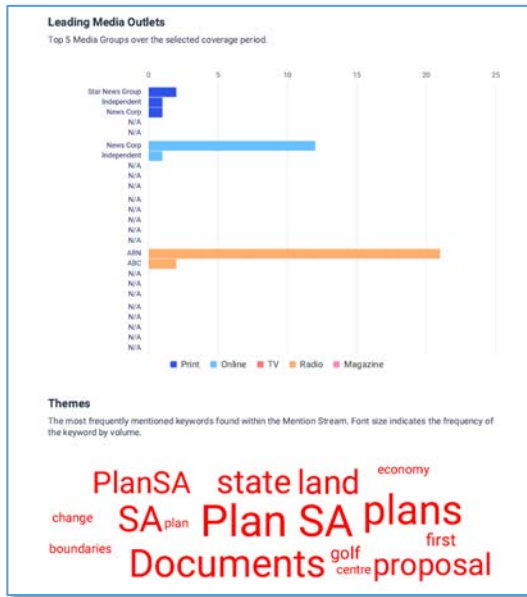
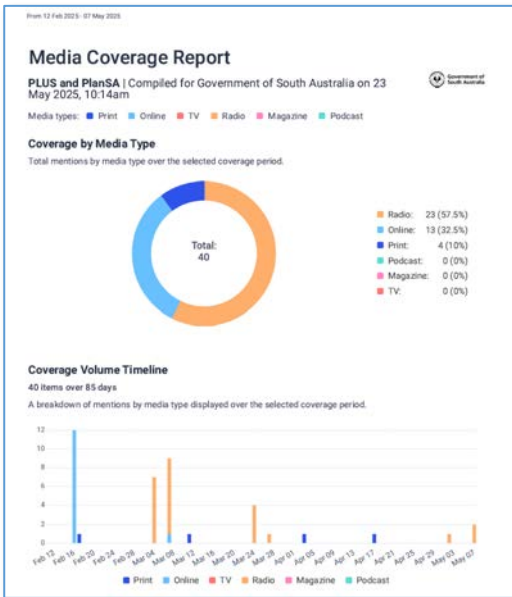
### Key initiatives and projects

- Whyalla Steelworks green steel transition**  
The Whyalla Steelworks is transitioning to green steel production through the use of hydrogen and renewable energy. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the environmental performance of the steel industry.
- Northern Water project**  
This project involves the development of a new water supply system for the Whyalla region, including a new water treatment plant and a new water supply pipeline.
- Electrified Eyre Peninsula Link**  
This project involves the electrification of the railway line between Whyalla and Port Lincoln, which will improve the efficiency and reliability of the rail service.
- SA Water Desalination Plant - Billy Lights Point**  
This project involves the construction of a new desalination plant at Billy Lights Point, which will provide a reliable and sustainable source of water for the Whyalla region.
- Silveroak Graphite Project**  
This project involves the development of a new graphite processing plant in Whyalla, which will create jobs and support the local economy.
- Cape Hardy Industrial precinct**  
This project involves the development of a new industrial precinct in Cape Hardy, which will attract investment and create jobs.
- Yoorndoo Iga Solar PV park**  
This project involves the construction of a new solar photovoltaic (PV) park in Yoorndoo, which will generate clean energy and create jobs.

**Media coverage**

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

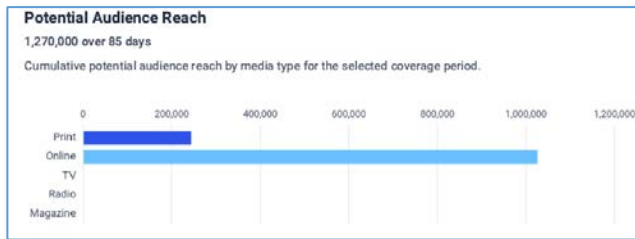
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#1 The Recorder	1	#1 Geelong Advertiser	1
#1 Yorke Peninsula Country Times	1	#1 Gold Coast Bulletin	1
#5 N/A		#1 Herald Sun	1

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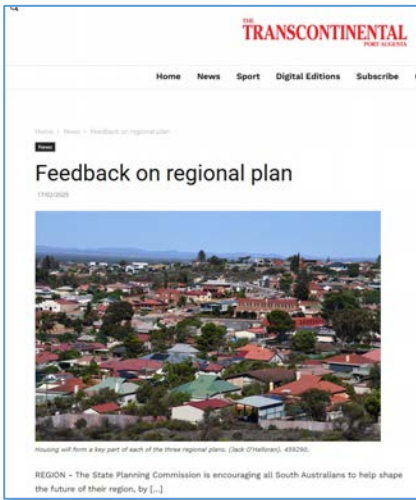
Wednesday 12 February, ABC SA Regional Drive, Minister Champion.

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

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

**Print**

Transcontinental, Monday 17 February 2025



The Transcontinental, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Australia'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.

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

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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Have your say on future of the Mid North



Consultation is open on draft plans for the region's future (Supt: SMC)

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.

The regions where new housing and employment areas will be located, how services will be delivered, and what infrastructure is needed while enabling different growth scenarios.

Planning for the growth and change is essential to ensure regions remain sustainable and prosperous. The Yorke Peninsula and Mid North region covers about 26,000 square kilometres, with the regional plan mapping the government's long-term planning vision for the region to 2031 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 aiming to achieve conservation goals.

Key priorities identified for the region include preparations for a 38.3 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, development ready land supply and affordability.

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

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"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, regions and people can share feedback at [yorkpeninsulaandmidnorthregionalplan](#)

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

### Planning Ahead newsletter articles


[Planning Ahead Newsletter February 2025](#)

## Planning Ahead

Planning and Land Use Services

February 2025

### 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 were 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.

[Planning Ahead Newsletter April 2025](#)

### 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](#)

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



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### Featured articles




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Our new platform is designed to enhance communication, engagement, and collaboration across all DHUD teams.

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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.

[Have YourSay](#)

### 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**

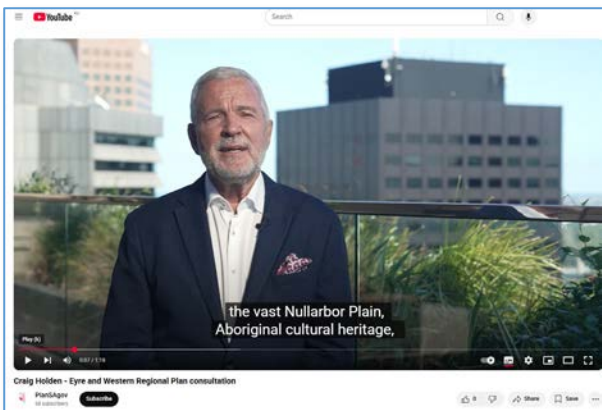
We encourage you to get involved, whether you have ideas about economic development, environmental sustainability, housing, or transport. Join an online information session to learn more and share your thoughts: <https://planningevents.eyreandwestern.com/>. To explore the Plans, or submit feedback, visit:

- Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: [yourpeninsula.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan](https://yourpeninsula.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan)
- Far North Regional Plan: [yourpeninsula.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan](https://yourpeninsula.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan)
- Eyre and Western Regional Plan: [yourpeninsula.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan](https://yourpeninsula.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**

[Eyre and Western Regional Plan](#)



**YourSay**

Eyre and Western Regional Plan Visioning

### Eyre and Western Regional Plan Visioning

**We are seeking stakeholder feedback to help inform the development of a new Regional Plan for the Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western 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 Eyre and Western 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
- identification of sufficient land to support housing diversity, affordable living and employment growth
- 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; and
- performance indicators and targets to measure success in implementing the plan.

**Lifecycle:**

- Open**  
Feedback for the Visioning Workshop is open for contributions until 12pm on the 5th of June 2023.  
  
Information provided will be used to help inform the draft regional plan, with a period of community consultation to follow in late 2023.
- Under Review**  
Feedback provided will be reviewed and used to help inform the draft Eyre and Western Regional Plan.
- 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**

- Proposal to Initiate the Preparation of the Eyre and Mid North Regional Plan
- Eyre and Western Regional Plan Engagement Plan
- Fact Sheet - Eyre and Western Regional Plan Preparation
- Eyre and Western Planning Region
- Eyre and Western Visioning Workshop - What We Heard Report

Eyre and Western Regional Plan

YourSAy EDM

March 2025

### Still on YourSAy

**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](#)

April 2025

### Still on YourSAy



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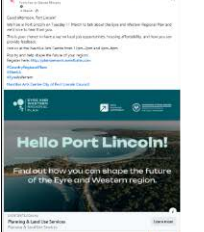
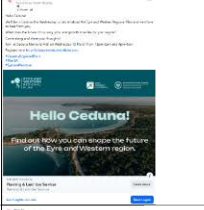

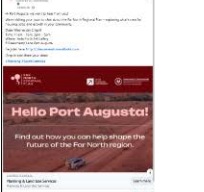


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Social media coverage - Facebook

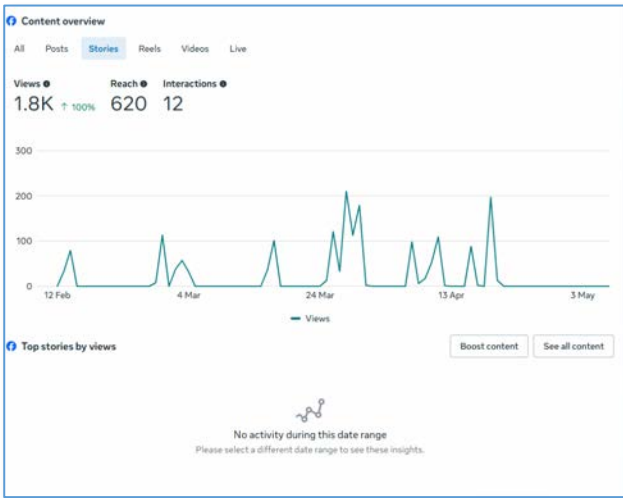
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<p><b>We want to hear from you!</b> Do you have ideas of how you would like to see your region grow and develop? We're seeking your input on the regional plans that will guide the long-term growth of your community. These plans will set the vision 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: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan">yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan</a> Far North: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan">yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan</a> Eyre and Western: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan">yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan</a> #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	12/02/2025		34586	12161	191
<p><b>Have your say and help shape the future of our regions!</b> 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: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan</a> - Far North Regional Plan: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan</a> - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan</a></p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	21/02/2025		38086	10789	62
<p><b>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!</b> 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/4bhwvE">https://bit.ly/4bhwvE</a> - Far North Regional Plan: <a href="https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz">https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz</a> - Eyre and Western Regional Plan: <a href="https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b">https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b</a></p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	26/02/2025		2865	1474	19
<p><b>Hello Kadina!</b> 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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/</a> #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	28/02/2025		41653	24562	103
<p><b>Hello Clare!</b> 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 &amp; 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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/</a> Department for Housing and Urban Development #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	28/02/2025		31798	18563	113
<p><b>We're coming to Clare tomorrow! Don't forget!</b> 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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	3/03/2025		9018	7354	11

<p>Kadina, we're heading your way tomorrow! 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! Copper Coast Council 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6pm Don't miss this chance to help shape the future of your region. See you there! Register here: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> #Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</p>	<p>4/03/2025</p>		<p>13723</p>	<p>8023</p>	<p>55</p>
<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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com/</a> 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: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/eyre-and-western-regional-plan</a></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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> #CountryRegionalPlans #PlanSA #Eyre&amp;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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> #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: <a href="https://bit.ly/4itUeGz">https://bit.ly/4itUeGz</a> 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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> Drop in and share your ideas! #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	<p>20/03/2025</p>		<p>33798</p>	<p>11146</p>	<p>98</p>

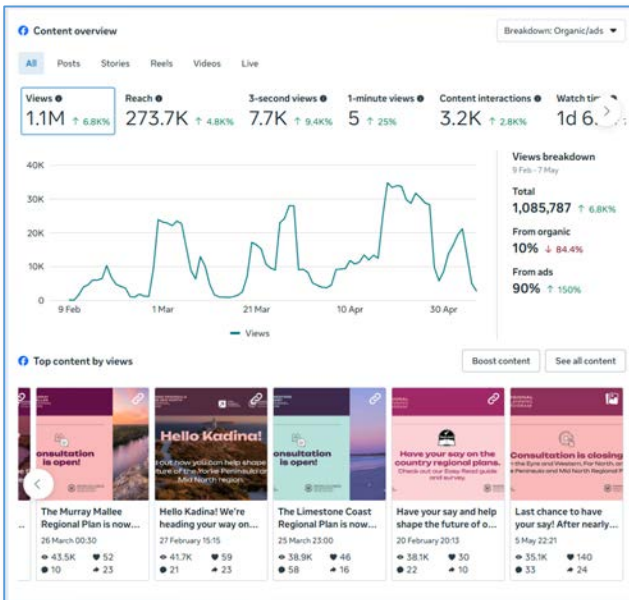
<p>Hello Whyalla! We're excited to be visiting your town to chat about the Eyre and Western Regional Plan, including what is next for housing, jobs, the environment and growth in your region. Date: Tuesday 1 April Time: 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 5pm. Where: Vicki Ledo Room, Whyalla Public Library, 19 Okblom Street, Whyalla Norrie. Register here: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> 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: <a href="http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com">http://plansaevents.eventbrite.com</a> Come along and share your thoughts! #Planning #SouthAustralia</p>	20/03/2025		33984	11003	86
<p>Yorke Peninsula Regional Plan - Online Info Session Do you have ideas about the future of your town and community? We want to hear them! Join us for an online information session: Date: Wednesday 9 April Time: 2pm - 3pm Register now: <a href="https://plansaevents.eventbrite.com.au">https://plansaevents.eventbrite.com.au</a> Find out how you can share your thoughts on: - Where new housing should go - Boosting local job opportunities - Improving transport and connections between towns - Areas that need protection - Preserving heritage and cultural sites. Can't make it? You can explore the plan and have your say here: <a href="https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan">https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yorke-peninsula-and-mid-north-regional-plan</a></p>	29/03/2025		637	423	34
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Mardi Gras 1/3/2025	Great communities are built on diversity. Have your say on the country regional plans. regional.plan.sa.gov.au
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28/3/2025	USG road trips
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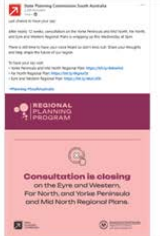
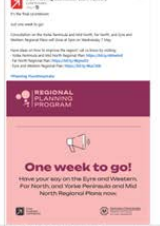
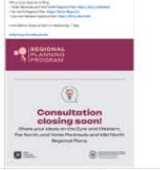

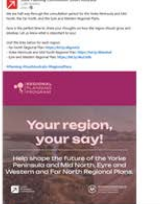
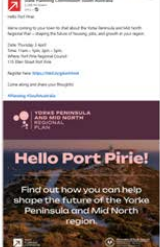


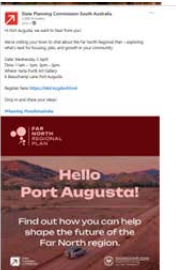
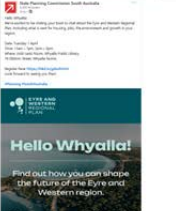

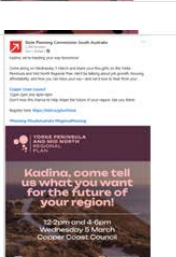
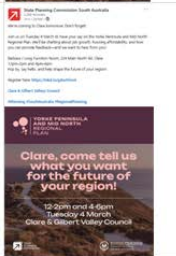
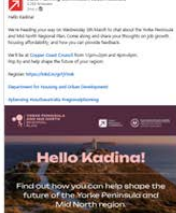
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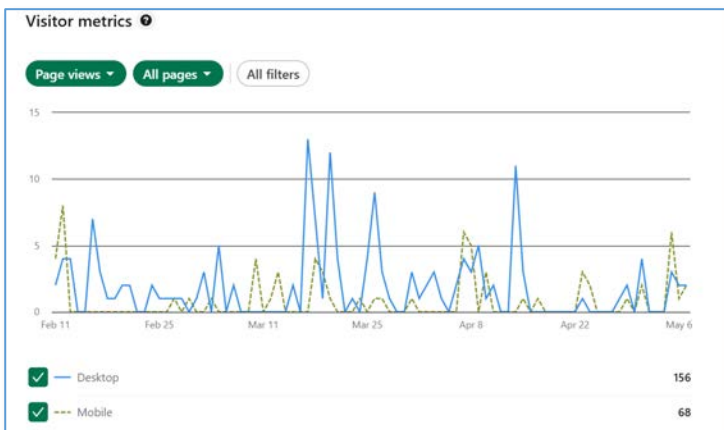
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<p>Hello Port Pirie!</p> <p>We're coming to your town to chat about the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan – shaping the future of housing, jobs, and growth in your region.</p> <p>Date: Thursday 3 April Time: 11am – 1pm, 3pm – 5pm Where: Port Pirie Regional Council 115 Ellen Street Port Pirie</p> <p>Register here: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4">https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</a></p> <p>Come along and share your thoughts!</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>		28/03/2025	193	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 Purtili Art Gallery 6 Beauchamp Lane Port Augusta</p> <p>Register here: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4">https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</a></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: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4">https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</a> Look forward to seeing you then!</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</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: <a href="https://bit.ly/4ifJeGz">https://bit.ly/4ifJeGz</a></p> <p>Consultation closes 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025.</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</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: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4">https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</a></p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning</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: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4">https://lnkd.in/gduvh5m4</a></p> <p>Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council</p> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia #RegionalPlanning Hello Kadina!</p>		03/03/2025	187	1
<p>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.</p> <p>We'll be at Copper Coast Council from 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm. Pop by and help shape the future of your region!</p> <p>Register: <a href="https://lnkd.in/grFjYimk">https://lnkd.in/grFjYimk</a></p> <p>Department for Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>#planning #southaustralia #regionalplanning</p>		27/02/2025	358	2

<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 &amp; 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: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gfJYirmk">https://lnkd.in/gfJYirmk</a></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: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gKz_JA6">https://lnkd.in/gKz_JA6</a></p> <p>For all information on the three regional plans, including how to have your say, please visit: <a href="https://lnkd.in/gbBcuRyC">https://lnkd.in/gbBcuRyC</a></p> <p>Copper Coast Council, Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council, Department for Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>#regionalplanning #planning #southaustralia</p>		27/02/2025	239	5
<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"> <li>Yorke Peninsula and Mid North Regional Plan: <a href="https://bit.ly/4bwhwE">https://bit.ly/4bwhwE</a></li> <li>Far North Regional Plan: <a href="https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz">https://bit.ly/4kgnuOz</a></li> <li>Eyre and Western Regional Plan: <a href="https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b">https://bit.ly/4kuCn0b</a></li> </ul> <p>#Planning #SouthAustralia</p>		27/02/2025	773	10
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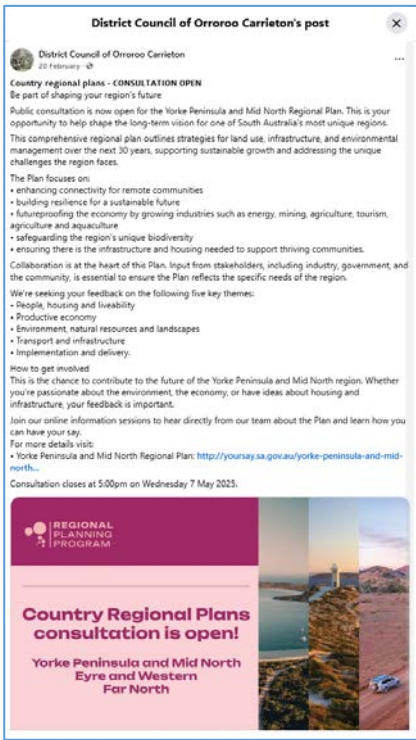
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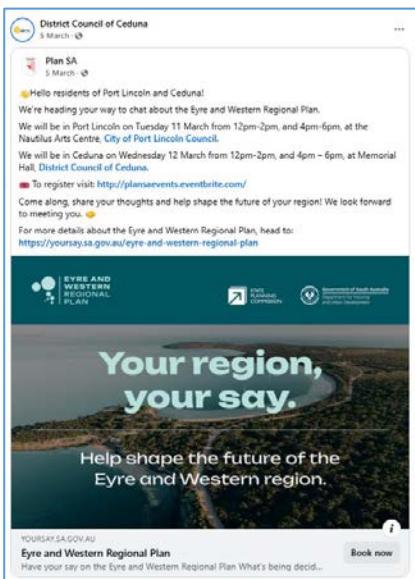
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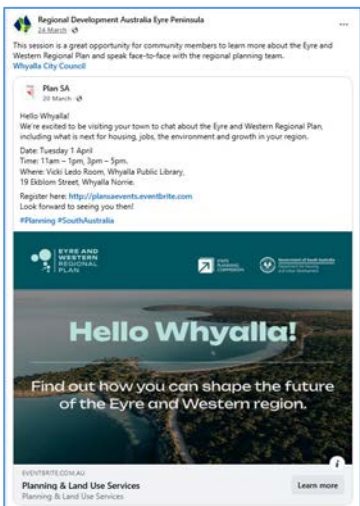


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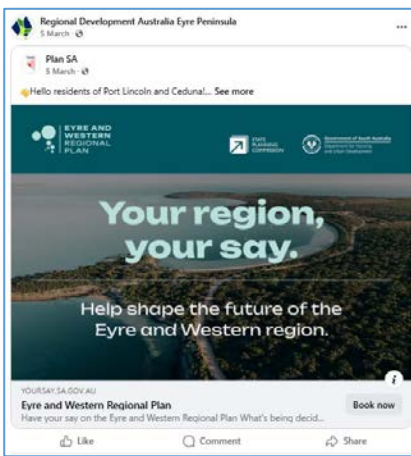
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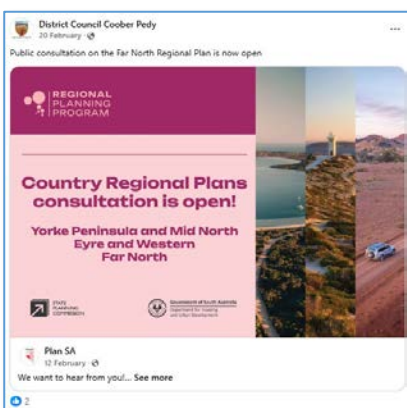
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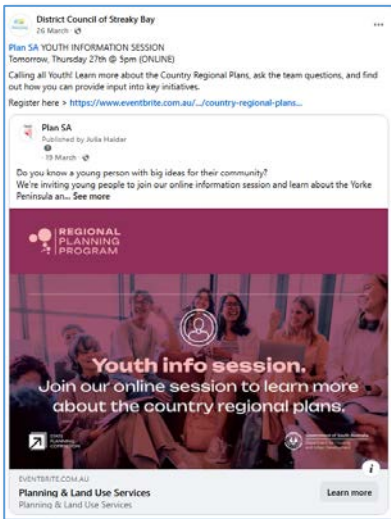
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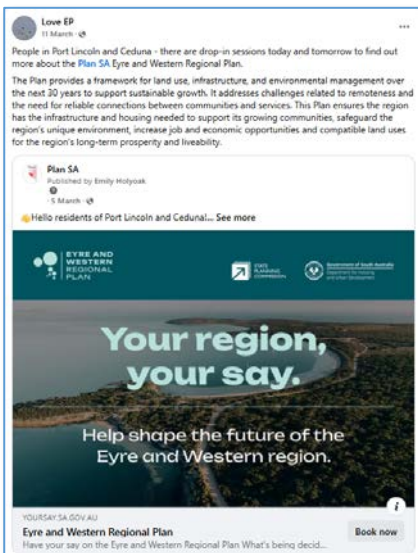
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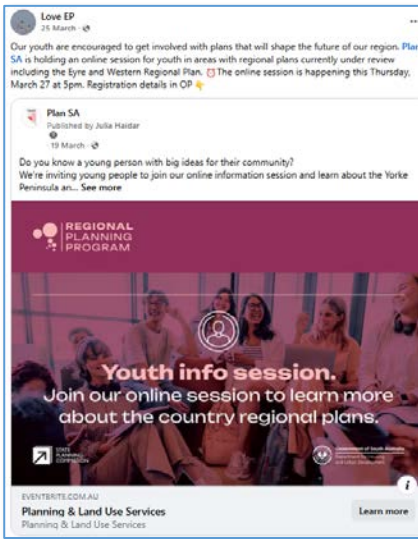
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