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SA's online Planning and Design Code now available for community familiarisation

South Australia's new Planning and Design Code (the Code) covering the State's outback and rural areas is now available for the general public to access for familiarisation purposes ahead of the Minister's formal adoption of the Code and its planned implementation on 31 July 2020.

To ensure all South Australians are confident and familiar with the new planning system, the Minister for Planning and State Planning Commission are providing the community with an opportunity to access the online Code for Phase One (Outback Areas) and Phase Two (Rural Areas) via the new ePlanning platform at <u>www.code.plan.sa.gov.au</u>.

From 29 June, community members will be able to engage with the online Code and the South Australian Property and Planning Atlas in our first state wide e-Planning system. When fully implemented on 31 July, the ePlanning platform will also include a new look planning portal and electronic Development Application Processing system.

Once live, the Code will allow development applications for the state's outback and rural areas to be submitted and tracked from the comfort of people's homes, offices or whilst on the go using a mobile, tablet or computer. For the first time ever, there will be clear and consistent planning policies across our state that are easily accessible and available to all.

The Phase Two Code has been refined and improved following the Minister for Planning's approval of the Commission's formal Engagement Report. The report, released earlier this month, summarises how the Code for the State's rural areas has been altered following an 8-week public consultation period. During the public consultation period more than 230 submissions were received and over 70 consultation events conducted, with all feedback considered by the State Planning Commission.

"This is a very exciting stage in the implementation of the Planning and Design Code. It is the first time the general public have been able to view the Code in the ePlanning system and to actually see how the system will help simplify the planning and development process," said Michael Lennon, Chair of the State Planning Commission.

"It is important to note that when accessing the Phase Two Planning and Design Code in the ePlanning system, only addresses in outback and rural areas of the state will display results. Metropolitan addresses, whilst able to be entered, will not display a result as the Phase Three Planning and Design Code has not yet been added to the ePlanning system," he added.

The third and final phase of SA's new planning system for urban and metropolitan areas of South Australia is under active consideration and is on track to be implemented later this year.

To access the Planning and Design Code for Phases One (Outback Areas) and Phase Two (Rural Areas) via the ePlanning platform visit <u>www.code.plan.sa.gov.au</u>.

For more information and to access support materials inlcuding a Guide to the Phase Two Code, FAQs, videos and webinars visit the <u>SA Planning Portal</u>, email DPTI.PlanningReform@sa.gov.au or call the PlanSA helpline on 8456 4840.

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