



# 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 all aspects of planning and development and is responsible for preparing regional plans.



## What is a regional plan?

Regional plans set the direction for future planning and development in South Australia, tailored to each region. These plans map out a 15-to-30-year vision, including:



where new housing and jobs should be located



strategies to protect key areas while renewing others



how transport networks should evolve to improve connectivity to major centres and smaller townships



the essential infrastructure needed to support growth



how can we protect biodiversity, cultural heritage and ecosystems



using climate data to mitigate risks from extreme weather events

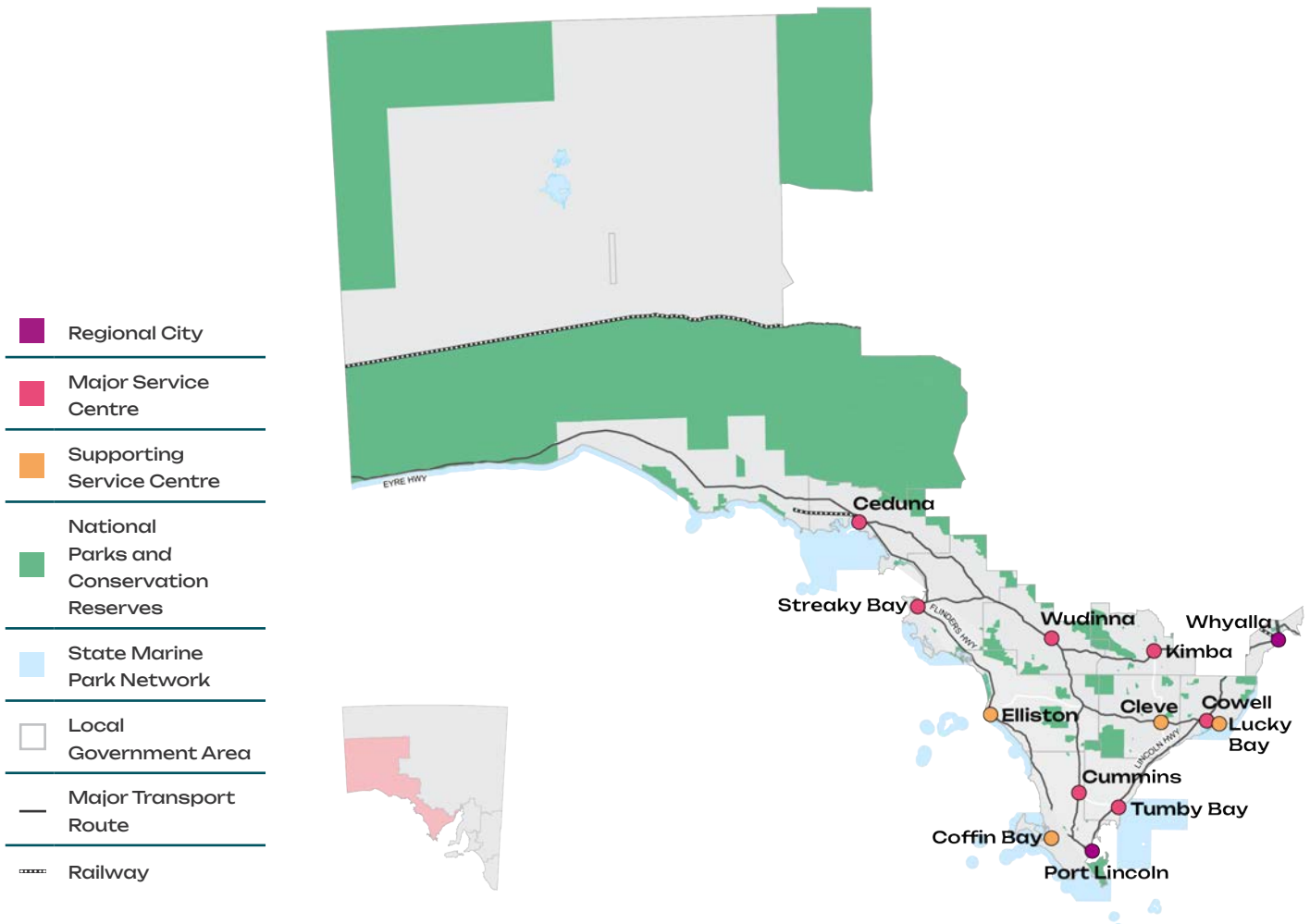
The Commission, in partnership with Planning and Land Use Services, is developing six new country regional plans for South Australia, including the Eyre and Western region. Planning for this growth and change is essential to ensure that these region remain sustainable and prosperous.



## Did you know?

South Australia has the only fully digitised planning system in the country, featuring the Regional Planning Portal. This platform provides interactive maps, spatial plans, and real-time data, helping align 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 30-year vision for land use, infrastructure, and the environment to support sustainable growth.

The Plan focuses on keeping communities connected, ensuring enough land for housing and town expansion near jobs and services. It recognises the region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and protects important natural areas.

Supporting key industries like energy, mining, agriculture, and tourism, the Plan includes major renewable energy projects and a hydrogen hub. It also prepares for climate challenges like drought and water scarcity, helping communities and businesses adapt for the future.

## How is the Plan developed?

Under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, regional plans are mandatory for each of the state's planning regions. Input from local councils, businesses, and residents gathered through workshops, surveys, and ongoing consultation shapes the Plan to ensure it meets regional needs and opportunities.

## What are the Plan's key themes?

The Plan focuses on:

- People, housing and liveability.
- Productive economy.
- Environment, natural resources 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 how we can:

- 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.
- Back renewable energy initiatives like the Hydrogen Jobs Plan and Port Bonython Hydrogen Hub.
- Improve transport connectivity for major centres and smaller townships.

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## How can I learn more about the Plan?

Join one of our online information sessions to hear directly from our planners. Register at: [plansaevents.eventbrite.com](https://plansaevents.eventbrite.com)

You can also learn more by:



### Visiting:

[regional.plan.sa.gov.au](https://regional.plan.sa.gov.au)



### Emailing:

[PlanSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:PlanSA@sa.gov.au)



### Calling:

PlanSA Service Desk  
on 1800 752 664.

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## How can I provide feedback on the Plan?

Consultation is open for 12 weeks until 5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025. Visit [YourSAy](#) to provide your feedback.

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## 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](#).



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