



What is the Limestone Coast Regional Plan?

The Limestone Coast region is known for its diverse landscapes, rich agriculture, and world-class wine production. The region's fertile soils support dairy farming, beef production, and cropping, while the famous Coonawarra and Padthaway wine regions produce premium wines. The coastline and unique geological features, including the Blue Lake and limestone caves, attract visitors, along with the region's strong First Nations cultural heritage. Fishing, forestry, and tourism also play a key role in the local economy.

The Limestone Coast Regional Plan (the Plan) identifies land and long-term infrastructure needs to support sustainable growth within the region, over a 15-to-30-year period. It reflects the unique and changing profile of the region's population, environment and economy across its vast rural areas and varied townships.

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

People, housing and liveability

- Supporting population growth, with 18,045 more people expected by 2051.
- Accommodating growth in Mount Gambier, the region's primary city, while ensuring key townships like Naracoorte, Millicent, Penola, and Bordertown also support growth.
- Addressing an ageing population, with a significant rise in people aged 65+.
- Ensuring well-located housing, connected to infrastructure, and suited to diverse household needs.
- Encouraging new housing within township boundaries to support affordability and choice.
- Building resilient, inclusive communities through land use, public spaces, and transport networks.

Natural resources, environment and landscapes

- Protecting the region's unique natural assets, including coastlines, sand dunes, Ramsar-listed wetlands, and the Naracoorte Caves, South Australia's only World Heritage site.
- Safeguarding 400+ km of coastline and marine environments that support fishing and tourism.
- Identifying 'no-go' areas to prevent incompatible development on sensitive coastal sites, high-value farmland, and natural landscapes.
- Promoting collaborative land use planning to protect biodiversity, secure water resources, and address climate change.
- Managing industrial and hazardous land uses to prevent environmental and community impacts.
- Planning for climate change impacts, including rising temperatures, reduced rainfall, and more frequent bushfires, floods, and coastal erosion.
- Using climate risk projections to guide land use decisions and mitigate environmental, economic, and community impacts.

Productive economy

- Strengthening key industries, agriculture, forestry, fishing, health, and manufacturing, which contribute approximately \$4.7 billion to South Australia's Gross State Production.
- Protecting primary production land, particularly in agriculture, viticulture, and forestry, to sustain economic growth.
- Managing land use to prevent conflicts between primary production and other sectors.
- Supporting high-value industries by safeguarding key assets and creating local job opportunities.

Transport and infrastructure

- Expanding infrastructure to support residential, commercial, and industrial growth.
- Ensuring development-ready land is available to meet housing and economic needs.
- Enhancing transport networks to improve regional connectivity.

Delivery and implementation

- Continuously monitoring and adjusting land use and infrastructure planning over a 15-to-30-year period.
- Conducting targeted investigations to unlock land for development and ensure a steady supply of development-ready land.
- Implementing policies that address climate change impacts and support long-term sustainability and prosperity.

Where is the Limestone Coast planning region?

- Regional City

- Major Service Centre

- Supporting Service Centre

- Local Service Centre

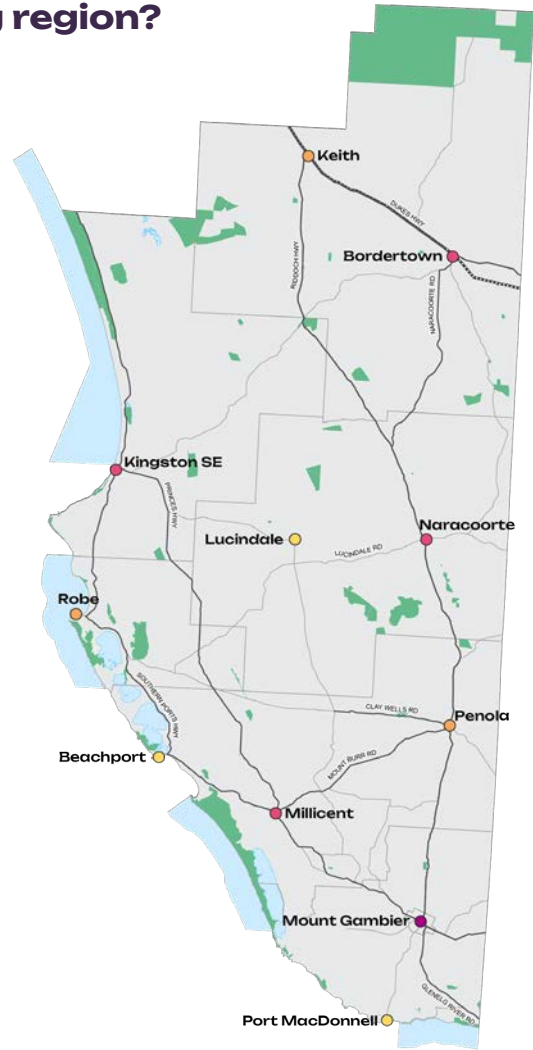
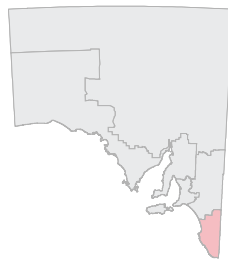
- National parks and conservation reserves

- State marine park network

- Local government area

- Major transport route

- Railway



Get involved

Consultation is open for 12 weeks until 11:59pm on Tuesday 17 June 2025. To provide feedback:

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 - Planning and Land Use Services
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