

Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment

The Minister for Planning has adopted the Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment, following consultation.

A Code Amendment is a proposal to change the policies, rules or mapping within the Planning and Design Code, which guides what can be developed in South Australia.

This Code Amendment was limited to amending the extent of the Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay.

This document outlines the changes that will come into effect when the Code Amendment is published in the online Planning and Design Code.

This is expected to occur in February 2024.

Purpose of the Code Amendment

This Code Amendment is the first stage of the three-stage Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment Project, which is being undertaken to deliver more consistent and contemporary mapping of riverine and flash flood hazards across South Australia.

The Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay is a precautionary overlay that is applied in the Code to areas that do not have flood mapping.

This Code Amendment aims to:

- improve flood hazard mapping by reducing the extent of the precautionary overlay in 13 local government and outback area townships where recent flood studies, flood hazard mapping or coarse regional mapping has demonstrated there is minimal or no flood risk
- apply the overlay to a portion of the Port Adelaide Enfield Council area, where the risk of flooding is currently unknown.

Applying the Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay in the Port Adelaide Enfield Council area will provide a policy framework to address potential flood risk until the flood hazard mapping being prepared in Stage 2 of the project can be reflected in the Code as part of the future Stage 3 State-wide Flooding Hazards Code Amendment.

Key points:

- The Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay is a precautionary overlay
- The overlay will be removed where flood studies and mapping has demonstrated there is minimal or no risk of flooding
- The overlay will be applied in a portion of the Port Adelaide Enfield Council area as a precaution until flood hazard mapping prepared in Stage 2 of the [Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment Project](#) can be reflected in the Code
- This Code Amendment is the first step in the three-stage project to deliver more consistent and contemporary riverine and flash flood hazards mapping across South Australia.

Updating the Hazard (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay will improve flood hazard mapping accuracy in the Code and enable the correct policies to be applied in the right areas and not unnecessarily apply them where there is minimal or no risk of flooding.

This will help to improve the development assessment process by providing greater certainty for applicants undertaking new development and a more streamlined assessment pathway for development undertaken outside flood prone areas.

Consultation

Consultation on the Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment was held from 22 February to 21 April 2023.

Twenty submissions were received, with the majority supporting the Code Amendment. Feedback relating to the future State-Wide Flood Hazard Code Amendment and matters outside this Code Amendment's scope was also received.

After considering all feedback, the proposed Code Amendment was progressed with the Hazard (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay being retained in built up urban areas within a neighbourhood or activity centre type zone.

A summary of all submissions is provided in the Engagement Report published on the [PlanSA portal](#).

Summary of the Code Amendment changes

The Code Amendment will amend the spatial application of the Hazards (Flooding – Evidence Required) Overlay as illustrated on the online map viewer titled 'Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment – Draft Flood Mapping for Consultation'.

[View the online map viewer](#).

Further information

For more information about the Flooding Hazards Mapping Update Code Amendment, visit: plan.sa.gov.au/en/ca/flooding-hazards-mapping

For more information about the Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment Project, visit: plan.sa.gov.au/our_planning_system/programs_and_initiatives/hazard_mapping_project