



# Frequently Asked Questions Far North 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?

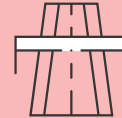
Regional plans set the direction for future planning and development in South Australia, tailored to each region. These plans map out a 15-to-30-year vision, including:



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

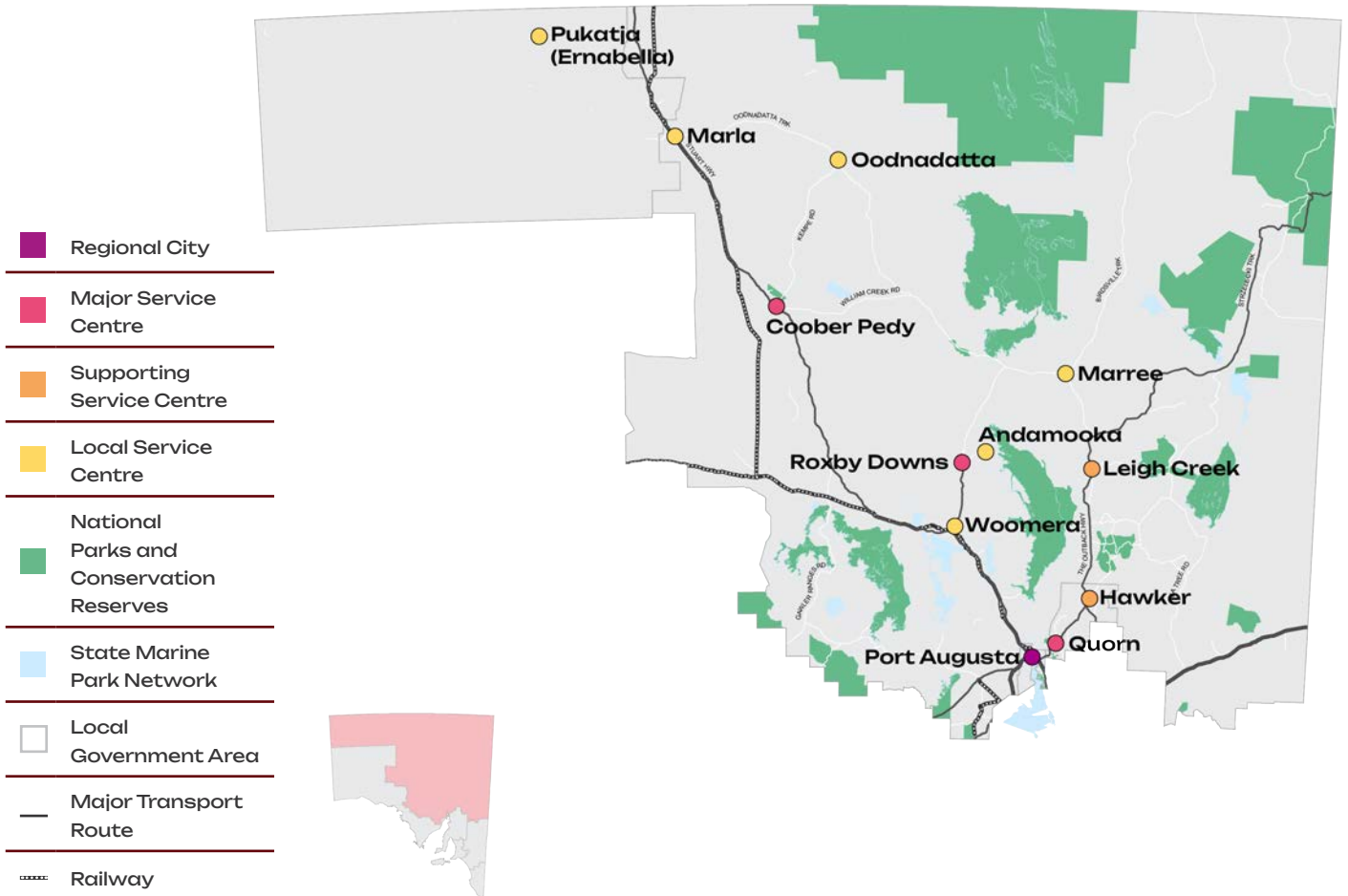
The Commission, in partnership with Planning and Land Use Services, is developing six new country regional plans for South Australia, including the Far North. Planning for this growth and change is essential to ensure that these region remain sustainable and prosperous.



## 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 Far North planning region?



## What is the Far North Regional Plan?

The Far North Regional Plan sets a 30-year vision for sustainable land use, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship across this vast and remote region. It tackles unique challenges by prioritising community connectivity and preserving cultural and environmental assets, including biodiversity, Aboriginal heritage, and vulnerable species.

Home to 25,560 people, the Plan supports diverse housing options for an ageing population, workers, and tourists while strengthening remote connections. The region supplies over a quarter of South Australia's energy needs, with its mining, renewable energy, and ecotourism sectors primed for growth - boosted by initiatives like the Northern Water Project and a UNESCO World Heritage nomination for the Ikara-Flinders Ranges.

## 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:

- Promote housing diversity for ageing residents, seasonal workers, smaller households and tourists.
- Capitalise on opportunities in mining, renewables, agriculture, and tourism.
- Protect biodiversity, cultural heritage, and ecosystems like Lake Eyre Basin.
- Strengthen connectivity for remote towns such as William Creek and Tarcoola.
- Use climate data to mitigate risks from heat, drought and extreme weather.

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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)



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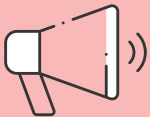
## How can I provide feedback on the Plan?

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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