



Far North Regional Plan Summary Easy Read Guide



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How to use this guide



Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) wrote this document.

When you see the word 'we' it means PLUS.



We have written this summary in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 10.



This Easy Read is a summary of the Far North **Regional Plan**.

We will call it 'the Plan'.

This guide only includes the most important ideas from the Plan.

You can find the full Plan on our website.

Please visit <https://regional.plan.sa.gov.au>



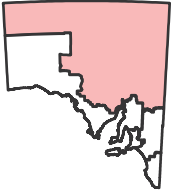
You can ask for help to read the Plan.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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What is this guide about?



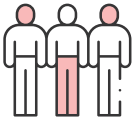
We are making a plan about the future of the Far North region.

The **Far North** is a large area in South Australia that includes towns like Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy and the APY lands.

The towns are far away from each other.

There are lots of parks, desert and native animals.

There is a lot of **mining** that takes place in the Far North.



25,560 people live in this area.



The Plan has ideas about how to make sure there is enough space and room for lots of people to live in in the area.



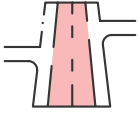
We want to make sure the Far North region is a nice place to live.



The Plan will show where houses will go.



The Plan will show where offices and factories will be built.



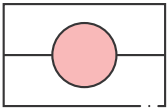
The Plan will have information about where things like shops, roads, foot paths, pipes for gas and water, power lines, parks and playgrounds will go.



The Plan will show what areas need to be looked after and protected from being redeveloped.



It will have ideas about how to look after the environment, animals, plants and the beach.



The Plan will have ways of looking after areas that are important to the Aboriginal people.

How to make the Far North a nice place to live



Here are some ideas of how we can make the Far North region a nice place to live.



There is a **housing crisis** in Australia. This means houses are very expensive.

It also means that there are not enough houses.

The Plan suggests building houses quickly and making sure there are different types of houses for people.



Different houses will mean that older people, smaller families and seasonal workers have somewhere to live.

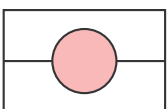
Tourists will have somewhere to stay.



We can build more houses near where people work, shop, go to school and close to buses or trains.



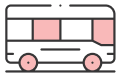
It is easier and quicker for people to travel around when work, school or the shops are close by.



We want to look after places that are special to Aboriginal culture.



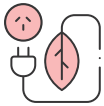
It is important to look after all of the national parks, Lake Eyre, beaches, wildlife, and plants so we can enjoy them.



We need to make sure that people who live in smaller towns can easily access services like shops, transport, doctors, work and schools.

This will be done with better roads and transport between towns.

That way people will feel more connected.



This area is important for wind and solar power for all of South Australia, so we need to look after these industries.



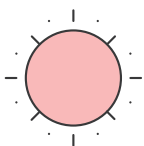
We should look after industries like mining and tourism because they bring more jobs to the area.



Farming is an important job, and we should protect farmland.



Tourism is becoming more popular in the region so we should make sure that there is enough accommodation and space for people to stay.



We should make plans for **climate change**.

This means we will plan for hot weather, drought and storms.

How you can get involved



The public will be able to let us know what they think about the information in the Plan.

They can let us know if they have any ideas.

This is called **feedback**.



People can give us their feedback by filling out a **survey**.

We have made an Easy Read survey.

It is a shorter version of a survey.

You can find the survey here yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan

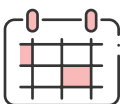
You can ask for help to fill in the survey.



If you want to tell us more things, you can use the longer version on the website yoursay.sa.gov.au/far-north-regional-plan



You can also phone us or send us an email.



People have until Wednesday 7 May 2025 to let us know what they think.

Once we have all the feedback, we will read it and use it to update the Plan.



The Plan then needs to be approved by **the State Planning Commission** and the **Minister for Planning**.

Then it will be finished.



When the Plan is finished, we will put it on our website here

<https://regional.plan.sa.gov.au>

The community, councils, builders and developers can use the information in this Plan to plan where to build houses and businesses.

Word list

This list explains what the bold words in this guide mean.

Regional plan

A regional plan is a guide for how an area will grow and change, focusing on things like housing, jobs, and the environment.

Far North

Far North is a large area in South Australia that includes parks, deserts, farms, mining companies and towns.

Housing crisis

This means houses are very expensive and there are not enough houses.

Climate change

Climate change is when the Earth's weather and temperatures slowly change over time.

Feedback

Feedback is when you tell someone what you think about something.

Survey

A survey is a way of collecting information by asking people questions.

State Planning Commission

The State Planning Commission is a group of people that help make decisions about how land is used.

Minister for Planning

The Minister for Planning is part of the government and decides how land is used.

How you can get more information



You can call us for more information.

The number is 1800 752 664.



You can send us an email

PlanSA@sa.gov.au



You can visit our website

regional.plan.sa.gov.au



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