

Murray Mallee Regional Plan Summary Easy Read Guide



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.

BoldNot 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 Murray Mallee 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.

Our website is here

https://plan.sa.gov.au/resources/planning/regional_plans



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 Murray Mallee region.

The **Murray Mallee** is a big region in South Australia with towns like Murray Bridge, Karoonda, Lameroo, and Pinnaroo.

The towns are far apart, with lots of open space in between.

The area has wide plains, mallee trees, and parks with native animals like kangaroos, emus, and mallee fowl.



73,000 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 Murray Mallee 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 Murray Mallee a nice place to live



Here are some ideas of how we can make the Murray Mallee 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.

The houses might be big or small and include retirement living, apartments, duplexes, courtyard houses and terraces.



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, 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, doctor, work, schools.

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

That way they 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.

They will bring more jobs to the region.



We should look after industries like wine making, renewable energy and food making 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.



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**.



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/murray-mallee-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/murray-mallee-regional-plan



You can also phone us or send us an email.



People have until Tuesday 17 June 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://plan.sa.gov.au/resources/planning/regional_plans

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.

Murray Mallee The Murray Mallee is a big region in South Australia

with towns like Murray Bridge, Karoonda, Lameroo, and

Pinnaroo.

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.

Courtyard houses A duplex is a building with two separate homes, either next

to each other or stacked one on top of the other.

A courtyard house has rooms set around an open space.

Terraces Terrace houses are connected in rows that share side

walls.

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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Ask them to connect you to our phone number.

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