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Strategic Plan 2026-27

The State Planning Commission is South Australia's principal planning advisory and development assessment body

The State Planning Commission (the Commission) was established on 1 April 2017 as the State's principal planning body to undertake the advisory and assessment functions specified in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act). It is a non-partisan Commission.

The Commission currently comprises six members, including the Chair and an ex officio public servant from the State's planning and development department. Each member of the Commission brings significant experience and expertise from a range of disciplines relevant to the administration of the Act.

Details of the Commission members are available at: saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au

The Commission is responsible for guiding the development and ongoing evolution of the planning system in South Australia.

The Commission has established the following Committees under section 29 of the Act:

- **State Commission Assessment Panel** to undertake the Commission's assessment responsibilities
- **Land Division Assessment Panel** to undertake the Commission's land division assessment responsibilities
- **Building Technical Panel** to provide advice on building assessment matters
- **Heritage Sub-Committee** to advise on Heritage matters
- **Joint Building Fire Safety Committee** is responsible for undertaking building-related fire safety investigation functions as an appropriate authority for the purposes of section 157 of the Act.

The Commission supports the Minister for Planning in the administration of the Act. The State's Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the Commission with professional and technical services, administrative support and other resources.

The Commission's Strategic Plan frames the way the Commission will conduct its business and describes the emphasis that it will give to its work plan over the next 12 to 18 months.

The Commission prepares a strategic plan each year to ensure the Commission's priorities are contemporary and responsive to changing circumstances.

The Commission's charter is to act in the best interests of all South Australians, to achieve the objectives of the [Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016](#).

Our Goal

A nation-leading planning system that:



Engages and serves the citizens of South Australia.



Enables the creation of prosperous, equitable and sustainable communities.



Safeguards South Australia's assets and resources.



Provides fair, timely and robust decisions.

Our Guiding Principles

The State Planning Commission operates with the guiding principles summarised as:

- **Acting lawfully and impartially.**
- **Being ambitious, enterprising, and aspirational.**
- **Being reasoned and rational and acting based on evidence and research.**
- **Building the confidence of Government, the Parliament, First Nations People, communities, and industry in the planning system.**
- **Working across Government and with business and community.**
- **Delivering results by being proactive, progressive and performance based.**

The Commission works collaboratively with, and helps coordinate, the variety of interests that operate in the planning domain. The Commission aims to be open and transparent in its procedures and deliberations in line with its transparency policy.

Our Strategies

The Commission has adopted four strategic areas:

1. Planning for Growth and Change
2. Enhancing our Planning and Building System
3. Leading on Planning and Building Policy
4. Delivering a Nation-Leading Planning and Building System

It is important to note that each of the strategic areas identified above includes priorities and that the priorities listed against one strategy may also contribute to the other strategies.

Priorities for 2026-27

1. ■ Planning for Growth and Change

- 1.1 Monitor land supply and development activity to ensure adequate supply of development ready land
- 1.2 Monitor the implementation of the Regional Plans

2. ■ Enhancing our Planning and Building System

- 2.1 Implement the recommendations of the Expert Panel as supported by the South Australian Government.
- 2.2 Deliver projects associated with the Government's Housing Roadmap.
- 2.3 Prepare design standards for public realm or infrastructure to support coordinated and efficient delivery of development.
- 2.4 Ensure planning and building instruments respond to emerging issues.
- 2.5 Support infrastructure schemes to coordinate and deliver infrastructure for the State's key growth fronts.

3. ■ Leading on Planning and Building Policy

- 3.1 Improve pathways for housing diversity and affordability.
- 3.2 Support strategic infill improvements.
- 3.3 Ensure our policies respond to our changing climate.
- 3.4 Undertake targeted policy improvements to realise system efficiencies.
- 3.5 Develop State-Wide building and construction policies and standards to address emerging issues.

4. ■ Delivering a Nation-Leading Planning and Building System

- 4.1 Establish, service and manage the activities of the Commission and its Committees.
- 4.2 Monitor the performance of the planning system through the Performance Indicator Scheme and other relevant indicators.
- 4.3 Seek and respond to feedback to continually improve the Planning and Building System.



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