



## Agenda Report for Decision

Meeting Date: 26 May 2022

Item Name	SPC Strategic Plan and Work Plan 2022/23
Presenters	Chelsea Lucas
Purpose of Report	Decision
Item Number	5.3
Strategic Plan Reference	N/A
Work Plan Reference	N/A
Confidentiality	Not Confidential (Release Delayed), with the exception of Attachment 2 (SPC Work Plan) which is classified as Confidential (Draft Advice or Documents)
Related Decisions	N/A

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the State Planning Commission (the Commission) resolves to:

1. Approve the designation of this item as Not Confidential (Release Delayed) – to be released following publication of the Commission’s final Strategic Plan 2022/23, with the exception of **Attachment 2** (SPC Work Plan) which is classified as Confidential (Draft Advice or Documents).
2. Approve the Strategic Plan 2022/23 (as shown in **Attachment 1**) and the Work Plan 2022/23 (as shown in **Attachment 2**).
3. Authorise the Department to finalise (by accepting all marked-up changes) and publish the approved Strategic Plan 2022/23 on the Commission’s website.

### Background

On 28 April 2022, the Commission held a Strategic Planning Workshop to review the status of its Strategic Plan 2021/22 and discuss further changes required to the Commission’s updated Strategic Plan for 2022/23.

At the Commission Workshop, it was agreed that Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) would provide a further report for final approval by the Commission of the Strategic Plan and Work Plan 2022/23. This report provides the updated Strategic Plan and Work Plan 2022/23 for the Commission’s final approval.

## Discussion

The updated draft Strategic Plan 2022/23 is included at **Attachment 1** and the updated draft Work Plan for 2022/23 is at **Attachment 2**. The Commission's overarching strategies and priorities within its Strategic Plan have been updated as described below, and as discussed at the Commission workshop on 28 April 2022. In particular:

- Refining 'Goals' to be more outcome-focused and distinct.
- Including **new 'Goals' for a planning system** that:
  - *"provides fair, timely and robust decisions"*
  - *"enables the creation of prosperous, equitable and sustainable communities"* to recognise the community, environment and economic aspects of planning, and also that the planning system in and of itself does not actually build anything – but has a vitally important enabling role.
- Relocating and reframing the previous 'Goals' for a system that is *"ambitious, enterprising and aspirational"* and *"reasoned and rational and acting based on evidence and research"* to instead be 'Guiding Principles' that the Commission will operate consistently with.
- Updating the last 'Guiding Principle' to *"Delivering results by being proactive, progressive and performance-based"* in order to 'set the tone' for the operation of the system, particularly given the pressures on the system to be negative, restrictive, controlling, and prescriptive.
- Combining Regional and Metropolitan 'Strategies' into one Strategy of *"Planning for Growth and Change"*.
- Within **the Priorities for 2022/23**:
  - Deleted completed Priorities from 2021/22 (including EFPA Review, Local Design Review, implementation of transparency measures, review of the Performance Indicators Scheme, participation in the Heritage Reform Advisory Panel, and facilitation of Joint Planning Boards).
  - Deleted the Priority of *"working with RenewalSA for coordinated development outcomes"* as it is considered this no longer needs to be a specific focus for the Commission, but will instead occur through business as usual functions (including Code Amendment processes).
  - Included new Priority to reflect work of the Expert Panel, including supporting and engaging with the Panel and implementing supported recommendations from the Panel.
  - Deleted the Priority to *"monitor and report on infill policy changes from the Phase Three Code"* as this will now be captured by the Expert Panel and responded to by the Commission out of that work
  - Included new Priority regarding review of site contamination policy and procedure in the planning system.
  - Included new Priority under 'Discharging Statutory Obligations' to reflect the requirement for the Commission to undertake a five-year review of the Community Engagement Charter.
  - Included new Priority under 'Discharging Statutory Obligations' which is intended to capture the Commission's work in the upcoming appointments to the State Commission Assessment Panel.

**Next steps**

It is recommended that the Commission approve the updated draft Strategic Plan 2022/23 at **Attachment 1** and updated draft Work Plan 2022/23 at **Attachment 2**, and authorise PLUS to publish the final Strategic Plan 2022/23 on the Commission's website.

Ongoing reporting on the progress on the Commission's Work Plan 2022/23 will occur on a quarterly basis through the Ex Officio Report. References to the Strategic Plan and Work Plan will be included in Commission Agenda Reports where an item is relevant to a priority identifies in the Commission's Strategic Plan.

**Attachments:**

1. SPC Strategic Plan 2022/23 (#15812199).
2. **CONFIDENTIAL:** SPC Work Plan 2022/23 (#18663623).

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# **STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **Strategic Plan 2022-2023**

# 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.

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

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

The Commission has established the State Commission Assessment Panel to undertake the Commission's assessment responsibilities under the Act. A Building Technical Panel has also been established to provide advice on building assessment matters.

Details of the Commission members are available at: [saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au](http://saplanningcommission.sa.gov.au)

The Commission supports the Minister for Planning in administering the Act. The State's Department for Trade and Investment provides the Commission with professional and technical services, administrative support and other resources.

This 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.

This plan will be revised each year to ensure the proposed actions are contemporary and respond 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 will operate consistent with the principles summarised here:

- **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, communities, First Nations Australians and industry.**
- **Working across Government and with business and community.**
- **Delivering results by being proactive, progressive and performance-based.**

The Commission will work collaboratively with, and help coordinate, the variety of interests that operate in the planning domain. It will endeavor to be open and transparent in its procedures and deliberations.

# Our Strategies

The Commission has adopted four strategies:

1. Planning for Growth and Change
2. Enhancing our Planning System
3. Leading on Planning Policy
4. Discharging Statutory Obligations

The Commission has identified specific priorities within each of these strategic areas. It is important to note that the priorities listed against one strategy may also contribute to the other strategies.



# Priorities for 2022 – 2023

## 1

### Planning for Growth and Change

1. Lead the development of Regional Plans across South Australia
2. Influence the management of growth and change for Greater Adelaide by:
  - a. Progressing the review of the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
  - b. Ensuring adequate supply of zoned land

## 2

### Enhancing our Planning System

1. Align to the work of the Expert Panel in its Implementation Review by:
  - a. Supporting the Panel with data, evidence and information
  - b. Engaging effectively with the Panel
  - c. Implementing recommendations supported by the Government
2. Implement Outline Consents to increase pathway options
3. Develop Design Standards that facilitate streamlined assessment
4. Monitor and report on data and trends (population and land use impacts)
5. Undertake targeted improvements to site contamination policy and practice

## 3

### Leading on Planning Policy

1. Progress the mapping program with State Agencies for the State Planning Policies
2. Undertake targeted policy improvements to the Planning and Design Code
3. Respond to our changing climate by:
  - a. Progressing the review of trees policy and regulation
  - b. Finalising the Bushfires Code Amendment
  - c. Progressing flood mapping and policy development
4. Lead the development of policy to support new forms of housing
5. Support the effective protection of heritage and character

## 4

### Discharging Statutory Obligations

1. Review the Community Engagement Charter
2. Advise the Minister on Code Amendments
3. Ensure the State Commission Assessment Panel continues to operate effectively



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