

Agenda Report for Noting

Meeting Date: 11 November 2021

Item Name	SPC Communications & Engagement
Presenters	Emma Williams
Purpose of Report	Noting
Item Number	5.1
Confidentiality	Not Confidential (Release Immediately)
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 Immediately).
- 2. Note the Communication and Engagement report as read.

Discussion

This report provides an overview of the current work program of the Commission's Communications and Engagement Manager, highlighting major communications and engagement activity conducted since 14 October 2021, as well as upcoming opportunities and media issues.

Communication Platforms

Key Element	Status				
Commission Website	The SPC website has been updated to reflect the new Commission membership.				
	The SCAP website has been updated to improve information on how to access applications assessed by SCAP.				
	The SCAP Practice and Operating Directions have been uploaded to the website.				
Commission LinkedIn	As of 3 November 2021, the Commission has 933 followers – an increase of 18 followers (since 27 September 2021).				
	The post announcing the new Commission received 140 clicks, 51 likes, 1,868 impressions and 10.7% engagement. One comment was posted about the Commission's response to climate change.				



	Other LinkedIn posts included the Metro Development Activity Tracker, Development Application Register, inaugural Performance Indicators Scheme Report, consultation on the Kangaroo Island desalination plant, seasonal workers accommodation planning regulations, and the latest edition of Planning Ahead.
Commission Events	The calendar of Commission Events is at Attachment 1 .

Communications Activity

Key Element	Status						
SPC Communications Strategy	An overarching communications strategy, aligned with the SPC work plan, is in development and will be presented to the Commission shortly.						
Climate Change and the Planning System	A draft communications plan to provide an update on the progress of climate change initiatives in the planning system is at Attachment 2 .						
Renewable Energy Projects	Additional work is being undertaken to develop a Renewable Energy webpage on the PlanSA portal to provide a single location for people to access information and an interactive map on renewable projects across the State.						
Environment and Food Production Area (EFPA) Report	The EFPA Report is currently in graphic design and is planned for release in mid-November. The communication plan has been updated to reflect support the Report's release.						
Demystifying SCAP	A range of potential communications tools and activities have to compiled with the aim of improving public understanding of SCA processes. These are currently with the SCAP Presiding Member consideration and will be shared with the Commission shortly.						
Code Amendments	As of 28 October 2021, there are eight initiated Code Amendments and two Code Amendments on Public Consultation.						
	The following SPC-led Code Amendments are in train:						
	 Flooding Hazard – mapping and pre-engagement activities 						
	Bushfire Hazard – initiated and pre-engagement activities.						
	The following AGD-CE led Code Amendments are in train:						
	Hackham – initiated						
	 Local Design Review – engagement report in progress 						
	 Port Bonython – engagement report in progress 						
	 Mount Compass – engagement report in progress 						
	 Riverbank Precinct – engagement report in progress. 						
November - Planning Ahead enewsletter	The November 2021 issue of Planning Ahead was published in the first week of the month, and contained the new Chair's first column.						

<u>Media</u>

The following media items appeared during the reporting period:

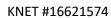
Key Element	Status						
Media Releases	A Ministerial media release on the appointment of the new Commission members was distributed on 28 October 2021. See Attachment 3 .						
	A Ministerial media release on the approval of 254 Local Heritage Places was distributed on 22 October 2021. See Attachment 4 .						
	A Commission media release to announce the publication of the inaugural Performance Indicators Report was distributed on 6 October 2021. See Attachment 5 .						
Media Interest	There has been media coverage on Riverbank Code Amendment, Anita Allen's resignation, public notification data, local heritage place listings, KI desalination plant and state-wide renewable energy projects						
Media Issues	Riverbank Code Amendment						
	Resignation of Planning and Development Director, Anita Allen.						
	KIPT Parliamentary Inquiry						

Attachments:

- 1. State Planning Commission Events Calendar (#16621574).
- 2. Draft Climate Change in the Planning System Communications Plan (#17746883).
- 3. Ministerial Media Release New State Planning Commission (#17943908).
- 4. Ministerial Media Release Local Heritage Places (#17943916).
- 5. Commission Media Release Performance Indicators Report (#17943922).

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Endorsed by:	Chelsea Lucas
Date:	3 November 2021







	FEBRUARY												
Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Sat/Sun	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Sat/Sun		
DEW CLG Heritage Guidelines Consultation closes SteerCo Meeting	KI Port Consultation Info Session – KI		SPC Meeting UDIA State Conference	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update		GAROC Meeting – Chair Attending				Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Sat/Sun	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Sat/Sun		
Phase 2 system performance monthly stat release	Aldinga DPA info session		SPC Meeting	MBA Quarterly Info Session – Sally Smith presenting Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update	20 th - Aldinga DPA info session					Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update Minister's Liaison Group meeting			

	MARCH												
Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Sat/Sun	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Sat/Sun		
GAROC Meeting – Chair briefing of Council Mayors & CEs	SCAP Presiding Member attend Leg Review Council – Code Petition		SPC Meeting Australian Institute of Building Surveyors – SA Chapter Conference	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update Australian Institute of Building Surveyors – SA Chapter Conference		PUBLIC HOLIDAY			Special SPC Meeting	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Sat/Sun	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Sat/Sun		
	Phase 3 Code – Confidential briefing session for Councils SPC Chair attend Leg Review Council – Code Petition Michael Lennon - Advertiser Interview		SPC Meeting	PHASE THREE GO LIVE Release of S73 Engagement Report, Guide to the Code, etc Michael Lennon's last day as SPC Chair		Helen Dyer commences as SPC Chair			Close of Aldinga DPA Consultation Commission hosted New Planning System Celebration 5-9pm Hurtle Square	Close of Mannum Waters Marina Consultation Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31											
EFPA Review Announcement (date TBC)		SPC Ex-Officio attend Leg Review Council – Code Petition											



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	APRIL												
			Thursday 1	Friday 2	Sat/Sun	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Sat/Sun		
			SPC Meeting	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		PUBLIC HOLIDAY		Aldinga DPA public hearing		Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
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			SPC Meeting to be held in Mount Barker including tour of Mt Barker & Council presentation	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update						Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
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PUBLIC HOLIDAY			SPC Meeting	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update MLG Meeting – Helen Dyer & Craig Holden									

	MAY												
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		Premier's Climate Change Council – AA Presenting	SPC Meeting	Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			AIUS Living SA Webinar – Helen Dyer speaker	PIA 'On the Couch – Minister & Craig Holden presenting, Hilton Hotel		Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Sat/Sun	Monday 31							
PIA Congress	PIA Congress – Helen Dyer – Panel member	PIA Congress	PIA Congress SPC Meeting	PIA Congress – Helen Dyer - address closing function Astor Hotel Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update									



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	JUNE												
	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Sat/Sun	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Sat/Sun		
			EFPA Review – State of Position & Report released	EPFA Consultation commences Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update						Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof Update			
Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Sat/Sun	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Sat/Sun		
		CASA Presentation on Code Policy – Anita Allen/Craig Holden The Inter- jurisdictional Forum of Independent Planning Bodies – Helen Dyer		Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update						Weekly Council update Weekly Acc. Prof update			
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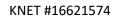
	AUGUST										
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										Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum	
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			Aug Issue Planning Ahead newsletter published							Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum	
Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Sat/Sun	Monday 30	Tuesday 31				
	Whalers Way Rocket Launch Facility EIS community information sessions in Port Lincoln		Public Notification facility upgrade				30 Year Plan Report Card released				



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SEPTEMBER											
					Sat/Sun			Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Sat/Sun
								SCAP membership appointment announcement	EFPA Public Hearing	Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum	
Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Sat/Sun	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Sat/Sun
Port Bonython Code Amendment commences consultation				Mt Compass Code Amendment commences consultation				Riverbank Code Amendment commences consultation Planning Ahead published		Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum	
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Sat/Sun	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30		Sat/Sun
						Local Design Review Code Amendment consultation closed	Mt Compass Code Amendment Public Information sessions				

OCTOBER											
				Friday 1	Sat/Sun	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Sat/Sun
				Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum							
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	Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment Public Information sessions	Riverbank Precinct Code Amendment Public Information sessions		Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum		HIA meeting with SPC Chair			UDIA & MBA-SA meeting with SPC Chair		
Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Sat/Sun						
		Close of Riverbank Code Amendment consultation	New Commission announced Heritage Advisory Panel meeting	Planner User Group Forum Builder User Group Forum							





NOVEMBER											
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Climate Change in the Planning System – Communications Plan

BACKGROUND

The first generation of the Planning and Design Code (the Code) included a range of climate change and environmental policy improvements, such as:

- 'State Planning Policy 5: Climate Change' the highest level of planning policy in the new system that addresses the key strategic priorities for South Australia
- New residential infill policies to encourage tree planting, soft landscaping and stormwater detention and reuse to be incorporated into residential development.
- Water Sensitive Urban Design for commercial, master planned residential and infill development.
- New Native Vegetation Overlays to ensure removal is considered upfront in a planning assessment.
- A range of Overlays protecting key environmental assets, such as coastal areas, watercourses, and the River Murray, including referrals to relevant State Agencies.
- Environmental performance policies for large scale mixed-use and commercial development.
- Improved hazard mapping through the creation of overlays for bushfire, coastal and terrestrial flooding, and acid sulfate soils.
- Promotion of walkable communities by promoting a greater mix of land uses in suburban areas, and a continued focus on infill development in well serviced locations.
- Updated renewable energy policy to reflect new forms of energy generation and storage and policy to address overshadowing of solar panels.

In addition, there are a range of climate change initiatives currently being progressed by the Commission and Department, including:

- State-wide Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code Amendment to build the resilience of community, development and hazards form the impact of bushfire.
- The Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment Project to deliver more consistent and contemporary mapping of flood hazards and take into account climate change on future development scenarios.
- The Commission's Urban Trees and Open Space Review including a review of regulated and significant tree legislation.
- The development of urban tree canopy and landscaping guidelines in collaboration with Green
 Adelaide to support the implementation of the Code's urban greening policies.

Since implementation of the Phase Three Code Amendment, there has been a number of submissions and criticisms made by stakeholders that the new planning system does not adequately address climate change concerns.

In response, Planning Consultancy URPS was commissioned to undertake an independent review of the climate change and environmental policies in the Code, and has identified a range of additional opportunities for the Commission to consider, these include:

- Amendments to the Coastal Areas Overlay, including further application of Flooding Site and Floor Level Technical and Numeric Variations (TNVs) (high priority commence 2022).
- Streamlined pathways for renewable energy facilities in energy intensive locations (i.e. the Strategic Employment Zone and Rural Intensive Enterprise Zone) (medium priority – commence 2022).
- Review of policy relating to sloping land and areas at risk of landslip, including investigating potential for spatial mapping (medium priority commence 2022-23).
- Investigate incentives that could be introduced to encourage low carbon development (i.e. development dispensations for including renewable energy) (low priority – commence 2022-23).

The timelines for the above projects are subject to confirmation of resourcing and priorities with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) who are the lead agency within government in relation to these matters. As such, the public release of information of any future climate related projects will need to be coordinated with DEW.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

There is an ongoing need to communicate to stakeholders that the Commission is concerned about the impacts of climate change and has a clear work plan for both short and longer term climate related policy improvements in the Code.

The Commission is implementing these improvements via a staged communications approach:

Stage 1 - The Commission has already implemented a number of important climate-related policies in the Planning and Design Code.

Stage 2 - The Commission is actively looking at ways to make further improvements to policies in the Code that address climate change and has initiated several projects such as the State-wide Bushfire Hazard Code Amendment, Flood Hazard Mapping Project as well as the Urban Trees and Open Spaces Review.

Stage 3 - The Commission has identified several new climate-related projects that are being investigated with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW). Details to be announced as projects are finalised.

Whilst many of these individual climate related projects will have their own communications plans, it is important to highlight that they form a comprehensive package to address public concerns about how climate change is being addressed by the Commission.

To help communicate this, the following is recommended:

- Commission website create a Climate Change section on SPC Website to highlight the
 package of enhancements plus individual project progress and outcomes (NB: recommended
 location is under 'About the Commission/Commission Projects' section.
- Commission marketing collateral production of a range of publications such as fact sheets, Q&A and potentially a full-colour brochure to promote the Commission's climate change related planning initiatives.
- Commission general communications regular written information and/or infographics that provide updates on the Commission's climate change initiatives and their progress, published on PLUS and SPC communication channels (PlanSA newsletter, social channels, etc)

- Commission presentation provided to climate related stakeholder groups to update them on the progress of climate change planning initiatives. A Commission member could also be offered as a speaker at climate related forums.
- Department updates provided at council, AP and user forums via ppt presentation slides

It is recommended that should the Commission and DEW wish to make any major climate related initiative announcements, they do so on a significant environment date in the World/Australia event calendars such as during National Water Week (18-24 Oct); Enviro Week (20-26 Oct), UN Climate Change Conference COP 26 (1-12 Nov); World Soil Day (5 Dec); Coastcare Week (6-12 Dec) etc. This will provide a 'hook' and help generate media coverage and publicity. For more information on possible dates visit: Calendar of key agriculture, water and environment events 2021 | Department of Agriculture Water and the Environment (awe.gov.au)

TARGET AUDIENCE

Primary: Climate Change/Environmental groups, their staff and memberships
 Secondary: Council Planning Staff, Accredited Professionals, Planning system users

COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES

- Highlight planning changes already implemented in the Planning and Design Code (Stage 1) that help address climate change
- Provide detailed advice on climate change initiatives (Stage 2) that are underway, their status and timelines
- Outline future climate change related projects (Stage 3) and how they will improve the planning system
- Promote the importance of continually improving and evolving the planning system in response to climate change.

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- The State Planning Commission is committed to ensuring that the planning system is responsive to climate change.
- The Commission has already implemented a range of important environment and climate related policies as part of the state-wide planning system including:
 - 'State Planning Policy 5: Climate Change' the highest level of planning policy in the new system that addresses the key strategic priorities for South Australia
 - A suite of new residential infill policies to encourage tree planting, soft landscaping and stormwater detention;
 - New overlays to protect the state's coastal areas, watercourses, and the River Murray;
 - Updated energy policies to reflect new forms of renewable energy generation and storage.

- The Commission is currently progressing several climate related projects such as the Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment, Flood Mapping project and Urban Trees and Open Spaces Review. Each of these projects will significantly improve climate related policies in the Code.
- The Commission is working with the Department of Environment and Water to investigate additional climate related policy improvements with details of these projects to be announced shortly.
- To learn more visit: <link to SPC Climate Change Initiatives webpage>

ACTION PLAN - DEPLOYMENT DATE - Nov 2021

What	Timing	Responsibility		
Establish 'Climate Change Initiatives' webpage on SPC Website	By end of Oct 21	Emma / Dionne		
Create 'Climate Change in the Planning System' Graphics (TBC)	By end of Oct 21	AGD Graphic Designer/Megha		
Create Factsheet and/or Q&A	By end of Oct 21	Emma		
Provide regular updates on climate change initiatives via Planning Ahead news article & Social Media Posts	From Nov issue of Planning Ahead	Megha		
Produce full colour 'Climate Change in the Planning System' brochure (TBC)	By end of Nov 21	Comms/AGD Graphic Designer		
Create PPT presentation slides for Council, AP and user forums	By end of Oct 21	Comms/Code Amendment team		
Host an SPC presentation to update stakeholders on climate change initiatives and/or offer SPC member to speak at climate related forums	December 21 or early 2022	Comms/Code Amendment Team SPC Member		

CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PLANNING SYSTEM - COMMS PACK

SPC WEB CONTENT

Commission Projects

The State Planning Commission is progressing a range of projects that will enhance the planning system and consider the future needs and growth of South Australia and its communities.

Climate Change Initiatives (drop down menu)

The State Planning Commission is committed to ensuring that the planning system is responsive to climate change.

The Commission has already implemented a range of important environment and climate related policies as part of the new planning system including:

- <u>'State Planning Policy 5: Climate Change'</u> the highest level of planning policy in the new system that addresses the key strategic priorities for South Australia
- New residential infill policies to encourage tree planting, soft landscaping and stormwater detention and reuse to be incorporated into residential development.
- Water Sensitive Urban Design for commercial, master planned residential and infill development.
- New Native Vegetation Overlays to ensure removal is considered upfront in a planning assessment.
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- Promotion of walkable communities by promoting a greater mix of land uses in suburban areas, and a continued focus on infill development in well serviced locations.
- Updated renewable energy policy to reflect new forms of energy generation and storage and policy to address overshadowing of solar panels.

In addition, there are a range of climate change initiatives currently being progressed by the Commission and Department, including:

- State-wide Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code Amendment to build the resilience of community, development and hazards form the impact of bushfire.
- The Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment Project to deliver more consistent and contemporary mapping of flood hazards and take into account climate change on future development scenarios.
- The Commission's Urban Trees and Open Space Review including a review of regulated and significant tree legislation.
- The development of urban tree canopy and landscaping guidelines in collaboration with Green Adelaide to support the implementation of the Code's urban greening policies.

Furthermore, the Commission has identified several new climate related projects which it is investigating with the Department of Environment and Water, such as:

- Amendments to the Coastal Areas Overlay, including further application of Flooding Site and Floor Level Technical and Numeric Variations (TNVs)
- Streamlined pathways for renewable energy facilities in energy intensive locations (i.e. the Strategic Employment Zone and Rural Intensive Enterprise Zone)
- Review of policy relating to sloping land and areas at risk of landslip, including investigating potential for spatial mapping.
- Investigate incentives that could be introduced to encourage low carbon development (i.e. development dispensations for including renewable energy)

Each of these projects will further improve climate related policies in the Planning and Design Code and continue to position South Australia as a leader in the development of planning policies in response to climate change.

Note: Where possible, the dot points above will be hyperlinked to the relevant section on the PlanSA portal. For example: the State Planning Policy #5 will be linked to the State Planning Policies page on the Portal (as illustrated); the Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment will be linked to the Code Amendment page etc, this will ensure further information can be easily accessed for each initiative.

PLANNING AHEAD ARTICLE

Nov Issue – Chair's Column

The State Planning Commission is committed to ensuring that the planning system is responsive to climate change.

We have already implemented a range of important environment and climate related policies as part of the new planning system including the introduction of State Planning Policy 5 on Climate Change; a suite of new residential infill policies to encourage tree planting, soft landscaping and stormwater detention; new overlays to protect the state's coastal areas, watercourses, and the River Murray, plus updated energy policies to reflect new forms of renewable energy generation and storage.

The Commission has now turned its attention to implementing several new climate related projects such as the Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment, Flood Mapping project and Urban Trees and Open Spaces Review. Each of these projects will further improve climate related policies in the Planning and Design Code.

We are also working with the Department of Environment and Water to consider and investigate additional climate related policy improvements over the longer term, such as incentives that could be introduced to encourage low carbon development.

I look forward to sharing more details on these latest initiatives as they come to fruition.

To learn more visit: <link to SPC Climate Change Initiatives webpage>.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Facebook:

The State Planning Commission is committed to ensuring that the planning system is responsive to climate change and has updated its website with the latest information on how the system is being improved through a range of climate related policies and projects including the Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment, Flood Mapping project and Urban Trees and Open Spaces Review. The Commission is also working with the Department of Environment and Water to investigate additional climate related policy improvements over the longer term, such as incentives that could be introduced to encourage low carbon development.

Twitter 1:

The State Planning Commission website contains the latest information on how climate change is being addressed in the planning system and how the system is being improved through new climate related projects. Visit <link to SPC Climate Change Initiatives webpage>.

Twitter 2:

The Bushfire Hazards Code Amendment, Flood Mapping project and Urban Trees and Open Spaces Review are just three of the climate related projects currently being progressed by the State Planning Commission. To learn more visit < link to SPC Climate Change Initiatives webpage>.

Hon Vickie Chapman MP

Deputy Premier
Attorney-General
Minister for Planning and Local Government

Thursday October 26, 2021

New Planning Commission unveiled

South Australia is on the precipice of a new and exciting future, having reversed the 'brain drain' for the first time in 30 years.

This means more people are living, working and raising a family in Adelaide – Australia's most liveable city.

With that comes a huge responsibility to ensure our housing, roads and infrastructure are up to scratch and ready to deal with the growing population.

An integral part of planning for our future is the state's principal planning advisory and development assessment body; the State Planning Commission (Commission).

Established in 2017, the Commission provides advice and makes recommendations to the State Government on planning policy and direction.

In recent years, it has been responsible for developing, delivering and implementing South Australia's new planning system – a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

The term of appointment for the current members expires at the end of this month, so there is need to name the new-look Commission.

Minister for Planning and Local Government Vickie Chapman said that after much consideration, she has nominated four people with exceptional experience across a broad range of areas.

They are;

- Mr Craig Holden (Chair)
- Ms Noelle Hurley
- Mr Stuart Moseley
- Ms Elinor Walker

"Together these people have the qualifications, knowledge, expertise and experience required to drive our state into a new frontier," Minister Chapman said.

MEDIA RELEASE



"With major developments happening in the space, agricultural, entertainment, and housing sectors, we need an independent team of experts to advise the Government on the best way forward.

"In addition to this team of experts, I will be listing a number of additional members, who have expertise in specific areas, should a proposal require targeted advice.

"Some of their first big tasks will be to lead the development of Regional Plans, to review and update the 30-year Plan for Greater Adelaide and to undertake a review of tree policy and regulation," she said.

Mr Holden, Ms Hurley, Mr Moseley and Ms Walker will start their new roles on November 1, 2021.

Sally Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Land Use Services, will remain in her role as the Commission's Ex Officio.

"I also wish to thank current Chair, Helen Dyer, and member Allan Holmes for their time on the Commission and contribution to the new planning system," Minister Chapman said.

"Each has worked tirelessly to ensure our State's planning framework is robust and in keeping with the Government's vision for South Australia," she said.

Craig Holden - Chair

Mr Holden has been a member of the State Planning Commission since 2018, and has been integral to developing the new planning system.

After graduating from The University of Adelaide, he worked in private practice in England before moving back to South Australia to establish his architectural practice.

Mr Holden specialises in developing urban renewal housing projects in Adelaide and is committed to ensuring that all South Australians benefit from land use planning policy that is equitable, informed and contemporary.

"It is my privilege to serve South Australia as Chair of the State Planning Commission following my three years as a Commission member," Mr Holden said.

"I thank the Minister for the opportunity to lead the state's principal planning and development assessment body and look forward to progressing the Commission's extensive work program with my fellow Commission members," he said.

Ms Noelle Hurley

Ms Hurley is an accomplished lawyer and mediator, with considerable experience in administration, leadership and management.

Her risk management skills are finely honed and she is skilled in anticipating, managing and evaluating risks and then minimising the impact, while remaining accountable for ongoing implications. Ms Hurley currently chairs the FutureSA Women's Forum, and was a founding director of the Space Law Council – Australia and NZ.

MEDIA RELEASE



Mr Stuart Moseley

Mr Moseley has more than 30 years' experience in urban planning and executive leadership, having held roles in four State Governments, in Local Government and in the private sector.

He has extensive development consulting experience, advising on the delivery of major residential, commercial and government projects.

He currently serves as the Chief Executive of the Victorian Planning Authority.

Ms Elinor Walker

As President of the Planning Institute of Australia (SA Division), Ms Walker is well regarded in the industry as being an ethical and solution focussed planner who is passionate about achieving good planning outcomes.

She has had more than 20 years of experience working in both the public and private sector giving her a well-rounded and diverse skill set.

Hon Vickie Chapman MP

Deputy Premier
Attorney-General
Minister for Planning and Local Government

Friday October 22, 2021

Hundreds of homes protected in heritage boost

Adelaide's heritage will be better preserved with hundreds of buildings approved for enhanced heritage protections.

The buildings across Gawler, Holdfast Bay, Walkerville and Mount Barker have been recognised as being of Local Heritage significance and will now be subject to stronger demolition controls, above and beyond those which already apply to them.

Minister for Planning and Local Government Vickie Chapman said the 254 new listings brings the total number of Local Heritage Places approved by the Marshall Liberal Government to 460.

"Be it their historical significance, architectural importance or reflection of the area's charm, these buildings deserve extra protection so they can be enjoyed for generations to come," Minister Chapman said.

"Once listed as Local Heritage Places under the Code, these properties will be further safeguarded from potential demolition.

"Anyone who tries to knock the buildings down in the future will face even higher threshold tests, helping to ensure their longevity," she said.

Four local councils sought approval to have Local Heritage Place protections added to buildings in their area. These were assessed by the State Planning Commission before a recommendation was made to the Minister.

The four councils were:

- The Town of Gawler (150 new Local Heritage Places)
- The City of Holdfast Bay (34 new Local Heritage Places)
- The Town of Walkerville (34 new Local Heritage Places)
- The District Council of Mount Barker (36 new Local Heritage Places)

Minister Chapman said it's important that councils review their areas and consider seeking approval for extra protection on buildings and structures they believe require it.

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"This Government is committed to protecting and preserving the architectural history of our great State, to ensure our children, and children's children, can enjoy its charm.

"It's why we bolstered heritage protections in the Planning and Design Code and have established a Heritage Advisory Panel to further examine heritage policy," she said.

Member for Adelaide Rachel Sanderson has welcomed the additional protection for significant buildings across Walkerville.

"I wholeheartedly endorse this move that will better protect Walkerville's stunning, character buildings and homes," she said.

City of Holdfast Bay Mayor Amanda Wilson said all buildings put forward hold significant importance for the Glenelg area.

"As Glenelg was the first mainland settlement in the state, our homes, buildings and environment are rich in character and history," she said.

"We are committed to proactively protecting and celebrating our heritage properties - not only for their immediate owners, but for future generations."

More than 7,000 buildings are covered by a Local Heritage Place overlay in South Australia, all of which can be viewed in the Planning and Design Code and the South Australian Heritage Register.



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State Planning Commission releases inaugural Performance Indicators Scheme Annual Report on state's planning system

The State Planning Commission has released the first Annual Performance Indicators Scheme (Scheme) Report for 2020-21, which captures the key performance indicators for the state's Planning system for the financial period March – July 2021.

The Scheme—approved under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (PDI Act) — came into full effect in March 2021 with the new state-wide planning system, and is a single data source that enables the monitoring of the planning system's performance over time.

Commission Chair, Helen Dyer said "the Scheme's inaugural report provides crucial insights into emerging trends in planning and development across the state and highlight the improvements the planning system is already beginning to deliver."

As the planning system was introduced in stages and as recently as March for the state's urban areas, this first report does not draw any concrete conclusions; however, it does provide encouraging early observations and highlights a raft of noteworthy improvements achieved under the ePlanning system, including:

- Greater ability to analyse trends (and why they are developing) and identifying recurring issues which in-turn can be used to improve the system
- 90% of granted consents were assessed within statutory timeframes
- Deemed-to-Satisfy developments account for 15% of total lodgements an increase from the complying development pathway under the previous Development Act 1993.
- Average process time for performance assessed applications are markedly lower when compared to the equivalent merit-based assessments under the old system

For the 2021-22 Report, it is expected that the system's performance indicators will be further refined and analysed as more definitive trends begin to develop and more ideas for system improvement are identified.

Ms Dyer added, "Being able to capture, access, and present data associated with all applications within the planning system is a significant milestone."

"In addition to facilitating greater transparency and access to data such as the value and types of development and development decisions across the state; the system's performance indicators will be further refined as more key trends begin to develop and help to identify ideas to further improve the system on an ongoing basis."

The Commission is required to prepare the Performance Indicators Scheme Annual Report every year with the next report due to the Minister by 30 September 2022.

Visit PlanSA to read the 2020-21 report and to learn more about the Scheme.

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