

# Expression of Interest to participate in the Joint Planning Arrangements Pilot Project (Proposal Form – nominations due 12 May 2017)

## WHAT ARE JOINT PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS?

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the PDI Act) allows groups of Councils to enter into Planning Agreements with the Minister. A planning agreement is a long-term arrangement that allows for planning functions to be delegated to regional groupings of Councils, subject to agreed performance measures and targets. Where relevant, other entities may be party to an agreement.

Each Planning Agreement is to be delivered by establishing a Joint Planning Board (with between three and seven members) to perform agreed functions (for example, regional planning or assessment). The process of establishing a board has been flexibly designed to allow for parties to determine the arrangements that suit them best.

In addition to allowing for planning powers to be delegated to Joint Planning Boards, Planning Agreements may also include others matters that may be agreed on by other Ministers (e.g. regional development or natural resource management).

Additional information about joint planning arrangements, including a fact sheet on how they operate, is available at [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au).

## WHY A PILOT PROJECT?

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (the Department) is running a pilot program to assist Councils in identifying the benefits of this new approach to regional planning. It is acknowledged that Councils already have a series of tools available to them that are in many cases working well and should be continued.

However, we are looking for Councils that are interested in trying a new approach that will assist in cost sharing, improve coordination across a region and achieve greater community benefit. The learnings from the pilot program will be documented and used to create a toolkit for future Councils in preparing future planning agreements.

## WHY GET INVOLVED?

To help support Councils with this new approach, the Department intends to engage a specialist in the area of governance and local government to work with Councils in identifying the benefits for them.

The Department has agreed to fund the coordinator and provide up to \$50,000 (on the basis that councils co-contribute dollar for dollar) to assist regions to develop business cases for the pilot program, and will also provide in-kind support to ensure a smooth and transparent process.



The program offers an opportunity for interested parties to obtain advice about the business elements that can be regionalised, costing and governance arrangements associated with their pilot project as part of the evaluation process headed by the Project Coordinator.

## PILOT PROJECT SELECTION

Project nominations will be considered based on responses to the questions contained in the Proposal Form. The responses should be kept relatively short (a paragraph or two), and should endeavour to highlight the level of commitment from the council and what benefits are likely to stem from the project and commitment to seeing the pilot project through to completion.

Regions are expected to co-contribute a minimum of 50% of the cost of preparing business cases.

## GOVERNANCE AND PROJECT COMMENCEMENT

The selection pilot projects that may be eligible for support funding will follow an evaluation process involving the Project Coordinator and DPTI Department staff. A decision about project nominations is expected to be made in the second quarter of 2017.

Once appointed, the Project Coordinator will be the primary contact for each successful pilot project proponent. The Department will inform successful pilot project proponents about the appointment in due course.

## HOW TO APPLY?

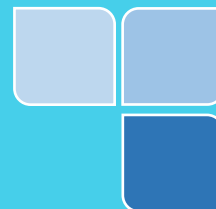
It will be essential for pilot project proponents to provide background information as per the attached **PROPOSAL FORM**.

Nominations for the pilot project will be accepted any time prior to the closing date for the Expression of Interest (EOI) by the Planning Reform Team, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure via:

Email	Post	In person
Attention: Anita Allen, Manager, Planning Reform C/-  <a href="mailto:sharon.underwood@sa.gov.au">sharon.underwood@sa.gov.au</a>	Attention: Anita Allen, Manager, Planning Reform  Level 1, 211 Victoria Square Adelaide SA 5000  GPO Box 1815 Adelaide SA 5001	Attention: Anita Allen, Manager, Planning Reform  Level 2, 211 Victoria Square Adelaide SA 5000

**Nominations and preliminary information should be received no later than 5.00 pm on 12 May 2017**

# PROPOSAL FORM



## Project Proponent Details

### Council/other Entity

Name:	
Address:	
Postal address:	

### Primary contact *(this is the person that we will send all formal correspondence to)*

Name:	
Position / title:	
Phone:	
Email:	

### Secondary contact *(if relevant)*

Name:	
Position / title:	
Phone:	
Email:	



**Please provide the list of Councils that are proposing to be involved in the joint planning arrangements pilot study?**

<b>Council Name:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>

**What experience have these councils had in working cooperatively?**

**What level of support has been gained by participating councils (eg Council EM endorsement)?**

**What types of functions would the councils like to consider in the joint planning arrangements?**

**What resources have been or will be allocated to the project from the participating councils?  
(*outline both monetary and in-kind resourcing*)**

**What funding support is being sought for business case development?**