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## SA's Future: Let's talk about it!

Reform of the State's planning system reaches a pivotal milestone today with the release of the new Draft State Planning Policies.

"Today, we start the conversation about what planning policies we want for South Australia. We will be running a series of briefings with government agencies, key stakeholders and local government over coming weeks to encourage debate and input. We urge everyone to get involved", said State Planning Commission Chair, Tim Anderson (QC).

The State Planning Policies are statutory instruments under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, and they set high level planning and design ambitions for South Australia that will guide both regional and metropolitan planning and development.

The draft policies cover 16 policy areas including Design Quality, Adaptive Reuse, Housing Supply and Diversity, Climate Change and Strategic Transport Infrastructure.

"Reform of the State's planning system is occurring at a pivotal time of change: we have different population demographics and households; ever growing technological advances; and greater recognition of the critical need to value and conserve our resources and natural assets, Mr Anderson said.

We have an opportunity now to get it right, and make a lasting difference to our State's future."

The Draft Policies have been prepared by the State Planning Commission with support from the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

State Planning Commission member, Michael Lennon, is encouraging all South Australians to take an interest in this important phase of our transition to the new planning system. "The Draft Policies are part of a modernised 21st century planning system for South Australia, which commenced with the introduction of the new Act in 2016.

"It is the most significant modernisation of the planning system in South Australia in more than 20 years and represents a once-in-a generation opportunity for South Australians to improve the way their communities look, grow and change," Mr Lennon said.

Interested parties can have their say on the draft State Planning Policies via the SA Planning Portal [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/have\\_your\\_say](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/have_your_say) or YourSAy website [yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/state-planning-policies/](http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/state-planning-policies/) until Friday 21 September 2018.

For information, go to the SA Planning Portal – [www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au](http://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au). Submissions will be received until Friday 21 September 2018, with finalisation of the inaugural State Planning Policies due for release in early 2019.

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