

Good Afternoon

In the three months since consultation began, the Commission has received extensive feedback on the draft Planning and Design Code. Given the point at which we are at in the consultation process, the Commission has prepared an 'Update Report'. The report focuses largely on the Phase Three (Urban Areas) draft Code on consultation until 28 February 2020, and highlights key opportunities for its improvement. This Update Report is now available on the SA Planning Portal.

Historic Area and Character Area Statements for the Phase Three draft Code have also been made available on the SA Planning Portal as part of the Phase Three public consultation. These Statements, which will support the introduction of the Historic Area and Character Area Overlays, are intended to help identify and articulate key elements of local importance. Submissions relating to these Statements can also be lodged via the SA Planning Portal until 28 February 2020. It is the Commission's intention to directly notify landowners with property that is currently located within a Historic Conservation Zone or similar area of the proposed Historic Area Overlay and availability of Statements on the SA Planning Portal.

As you know implementation of the Code will take place in April 2020 for Phase Two (Rural Areas) and in July 2020 for Phase Three (Urban Areas). I would like to emphasise that this is not the end of the reform program, rather it is the beginning of working in our new planning system. Good planning is of course about continuous improvement, and the Commission remains committed to supporting and working with you on local planning beyond implementation of the Code, as we start working within the new system.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Reform team on 1800 318 102 (during business hours) or via dpti.planningreform@sa.gov.au. Please note our office will be closed during the Christmas period, from Monday 23 December returning Thursday 2 January.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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