

# Updating the Community Engagement Charter

## **Have your say on how the community participates in key planning decisions in South Australia.**

The State Planning Commission is seeking feedback on proposed improvements to the Community Engagement Charter, which guides public participation in preparing and amending key planning policies, strategies and schemes.

The proposed changes aim to ensure engagement is inclusive and respectful for all South Australians by highlighting the need to consider appropriate opportunities for the following communities to influence planning decisions that affect or interest them:

- First Nations
- youth
- culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- people living with disability and neurodiverse communities
- businesses, workers and employers.

The proposed changes also aim to streamline delivering changes to planning rules such as rezoning land, where the community has had an opportunity to give their views and influence the decision as part of the regional planning process.

These changes, referred to as 'complying changes', would be subject to a streamlined engagement process where it is clear the change was anticipated in the relevant regional plan. Impacted and neighbouring landowners would still have an additional opportunity to give feedback before a complying change is finalised.

Wording in the draft Community Engagement Charter has also been updated to better reflect that the Charter is now a well-established part of the South Australian planning system and the mandatory engagement requirements outlined in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The Charter was established in 2018 as part of South Australia's new planning system to help build community trust and confidence in the planning system by providing an engagement framework that is robust and adaptable.

The State Planning Commission carried out its inaugural 5-year review of the Charter late last year and the proposed improvements reflect their recommendations.

A more in-depth review of the Community Engagement Charter will be carried out following the conclusion of the Regional Planning Program.

## Send us your feedback

Share your feedback on proposed changes to the Community Engagement Charter by 5 pm, 6 June 2024 by:

- visiting the YourSAy website and completing the survey:  
[yoursay.sa.gov.au/community-engagement-charter](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/community-engagement-charter)
- emailing [plansasubmissions@sa.gov.au](mailto:plansasubmissions@sa.gov.au)  
(subject: Submission – Community Engagement Charter)
- positing your submission to:  
Submission – Community Engagement Charter  
Planning and Land Use Services Division  
Department for Trade and Investment  
GPO Box 1815  
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## Find out more

For more information about proposed changes to the Community Engagement Charter:

- visit the YourSAy website: [yoursay.sa.gov.au/community-engagement-charter](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/community-engagement-charter)
- register to join an online information session: [www.plansaevents.eventbrite.com](https://www.plansaevents.eventbrite.com)
- email [plansa@sa.gov.au](mailto:plansa@sa.gov.au)
- call 1800 752 664