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Dear Ms Smith

Consultation on Draft State Planning Policies for South Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft State Planning Policies for South Australia.

Council considered this matter at its meeting on 27 August 2018 and is generally supportive of the strategic directions in the paper, noting the lack of detail that currently underpins them.

In relation to specific commentary, Council notes:

- Although a range of the policies touch on urban infill matters, a stand-alone policy theme relating to urban in-fill would be warranted given it is of significant concern to parts of our community as well as more broadly across the metropolitan area. The strategic imperative of this is that one of the targets specified is 85% of all new housing in metropolitan Adelaide will be built in established areas by 2045. Alternatively the Housing Supply and Diversity Policy could be substantially bolstered to incorporate infill housing policies;
- Given Council's recent correspondence with the Minister relating to land use surrounding airports and public safety zones, the inclusion of a Policy Statement under Strategic Transport Infrastructure specifically relating to this matter would seem useful. Council's position is that airport related matters are not a single Council issue and as such requires a standardised policy approach and leadership from the State Government on this matter;
- It is arguable that some policies may sit more appropriately under different headings, (e.g. policy 6 under the Climate Change policy heading relating to biodiversity could transfer to the Biodiversity policy heading). However this is primarily a structure and wordsmithing issue that can be addressed as the Policy document is developed; and
- Although the State Planning Policies aim to support the restructuring of South Australia's economy, there is no target relating to economic outcomes. It would be useful for one to be included

Council looks forward to providing additional feedback on further consultation documents and the draft Planning and Design Code.

Yours faithfully


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