



More opportunities for people to shape planning rules in their community

In South Australia, having spaces that we love to live, work and visit is important to us all. These spaces shape how we live our lives and support our health, happiness and wellbeing. That's why it's critical that local people have a much greater say in how their cities, towns and public spaces are planned.

The new Community Engagement Charter meets world-class standards for involving communities in shaping future development in local areas.

It enables people to get involved early in decisions, at a time when they can influence planning rules that shape how we live, work and move.

We want to support creativity and innovation in helping people have more say, and the use of modern technology such as 3-D modelling and images to help communities understand what is being proposed.



What it will mean for you:

When new or rewritten planning rules could alter the type of future developments in an area that may affect you, you can expect greater opportunity to:

- hear about the planning changes and have your say
- be involved early in the planning process
- understand what is proposed and how it may impact you
- understand the final decision and how your feedback was considered
- know the rules that will guide future development assessments in your area and what may change

It's about conversations which fit into people's lives, make it easy to contribute and are clear about how people's views will be part of decisions.

The Charter's principles are engagement is genuine, inclusive and respectful, fit for purpose, informed and transparent, and reviewed and improved.

When local councils are working with communities to decide on local planning priorities, and state bodies are setting planning rules for the whole state, they will ensure community engagement meets these principles.

Once planning rules are set with the help of the community, it gives faith to people building a home or extending their property, or those investing in an area.

Across South Australia, there will also be better ways of notifying people of proposed developments. For example, public notification for development projects will soon include placing a sign on the land.

The state's principal planning body – the State Planning Commission – will ensure community engagement meets the Charter's important principles and gets the right results for our communities.

Opportunity to have more say:

The Charter improves the current rigid requirement of using newspaper notices to consult on matters such as changing planning controls in local areas, which is out-of-step with community expectations.