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Dear Sarah

Submission on the Draft State Planning Policies

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the draft State Planning Policies (SPPs).

DPTI and the State Planning Commission has an extraordinary work load to operationalise the Planning Development & Infrastructure Act. We understand that the SPPs are just one element of this.

We also understand that the SPPs are in draft form and that the consultation process could well yield substantial change to them. Road testing documents such as this is sometimes the only way to achieve an ambitious reform agenda.

A number of people at URPS hold positions on industry committees and State Government councils. We have also provided some assistance to Government Departments as part of providing input to the drafting of some of the SPPs. In these roles, we have provided at times detailed input to the SPPs from those organisations. We have also assisted DPTI with community engagement on the SPPs during the consultation period. On this basis, we do not intend to undertake a detailed review of the SPPs in this submission.

In terms of high level feedback, we consider that the SPPs would benefit from:

1. Greater clarity/expression of the overall vision for South Australia and how the SPPs will help realise that vision.
2. Greater emphasis on the economy, the importance of key industries that underpin the economy and how the SPPs will assist in sustaining and growing our economic base.
3. Clearer prioritisation of Objectives and Policies in the context of items 1 and 2 above.
4. Increased attention to regional areas in South Australia.
5. Additional Policies in SPP 7: Cultural Heritage.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss this submission in more detail. We would welcome the opportunity to assist DPTI and the State Planning Commission in reviewing and finalising the SPPs in any way that you think our skills can be best utilised.

Yours sincerely

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