

FACT SHEET

Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026

A new Strategic Regional Plan for the sustainable economic growth of Eyre Peninsula is being prepared.

This discussion paper provides information about the Plan, who is preparing it, how it is being prepared, and how community and stakeholders can have a say in its development.

Who is preparing the Plan?

The Plan is being prepared by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP), in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (EPLB). The existing Regional Strategic Plan was prepared jointly in 2019 by the RDAEP and EPLGA and is now due for review.

- RDAEP works with all levels of government, business and community groups to support economic development in the region. RDA boards are required to co-ordinate the development of Strategic Regional Plans, which align with Commonwealth priorities.
- The EPLGA is a membership organisation providing service and leadership to its 11 member councils, acting as an advocate on relevant legislation and policy issues.
- The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board works with partners to deliver practical, on-ground programs to manage landscapes, investing levies into regional priorities as well as leveraging government funding to manage and protect the environment.

What will the Plan do?

The Plan will identify a shared vision and priorities that the partner organisations will work towards over the 2023-2026 period to support the prosperity of the Eyre Peninsula region by leveraging regional strengths, managing growth pressures, addressing economic development and infrastructure needs and identifying other important opportunities.

It will address regional economic strengths and challenges and align to the Commonwealth Government required priorities for Regional Plans of:

- Connectivity and Infrastructure (digital, transport, freight and supply chain)
- Human Capital and Skills (education and workforce)
- Regional Employment and Business
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Amenity and Liveability
- Sustainable Natural Resource.

The Plan will assist the region make the most of future opportunities, the evolving economy and changes in the demographics of our society. It will align to government priorities to support future funding.

It will be used by the RDAEP, EPLGA and the EPLB and partners to guide decision-making and annual business plans and budgets.

It will also provide stakeholders, policy makers and potential investors with a better understanding of the Eyre Peninsula (EP) - what makes our region unique and great - supporting investment attraction.

How will the Plan be prepared?

URPS, well-respected leaders in planning and engagement, have been appointed to prepare the new Plan.

The Plan will be prepared through:

- research and analysis of economic and demographic trends
- consideration of council, regional, state and national policy and plans
- engagement with communities and key stakeholders.

The Strategic Regional Plan Working Group will oversee and guide the development of the Plan. The Working Group will be coordinated and chaired by RDAEP, and will have senior membership from the RDAEP, EPLGA, Eyre Peninsula Landscapes Board and URPS.

Engaging with Communities and Stakeholders

We want to work closely with our region's communities, industries and stakeholders to ensure that the new Plan addresses what matters most to them. As a key facilitator of economic development on the Eyre Peninsula, the RDAEP plays an important role in bringing stakeholders together.

It is important that a breadth of people and organisations are involved in identifying the new Plan's regional priorities so that our efforts are focused and coordinated to best deliver outcomes over the next three years of the new Plan.

We will engage with local communities and key stakeholders to understand what they see as the key challenges and opportunities for the economic sustainability of the region. Key stakeholders include governments, community organisations, business and industry groups, education institutions and not-for-profits.

The information gathered through the engagement will be used to prepare the draft Plan, which we will bring back to community and stakeholders for consultation when it is ready.

It is hoped that once developed, the new Plan will assist stakeholders and the community to identify competitive advantages, manage regional growth pressures, identify opportunities and address economic development and infrastructure needs.

How to have your say

Go to the [Plan's webpage](http://rdaep.org.au/joint-strategic-regional-plan-to-be-developed/) (rdaep.org.au/joint-strategic-regional-plan-to-be-developed/) to complete an online survey about what you see as the key challenges and opportunities for the economic sustainability of the region.

The Plan's webpage will also be updated with the details of workshops to be held in the region where you can also have your say.

More information

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View the [current Eyre Peninsula Strategic Plan](http://rdaep.org.au/resources/rdaep-reports-and-plans/) at rdaep.org.au/resources/rdaep-reports-and-plans/.