Good Morning

We’ve reached another planning reform milestone with the release of three new documents that will improve the way future developments are assessed, approved and monitored in our new planning system.

These documents outline new assessment pathways, new performance indicators and our new Accredited Professionals Scheme.

Your feedback is now sought on each of these documents and I encourage you to comment via the Have Your Say page of the SA Planning Portal until Wednesday 17 October 2018.

Our new assessment pathways will improve the way development applications are assessed and processed to facilitate quicker approvals, better design, and more consistent development outcomes. You can read more about them in the Assessment Pathways discussion paper.

Our new performance indicators will support and strengthen the planning system by improving the way that development applications are monitored across the state, enabling us to measure the success of our planning system against set criteria. They will also allow us to capture vital data that will help inform key planning decisions at a strategic level. You can read more about these in the Performance Indicators discussion paper.

To help inform the community and industry about the new assessment pathways and performance indicators we will be holding workshops in late September. Please visit the Consultation Events page on the SA Planning Portal to register.

These reforms will be supported by our new Accredited Professionals Scheme, for which regulations, a code of conduct and qualification requirements have been drafted, following consultation earlier this year on the Accredited Professionals discussion paper.

The Accredited Professionals Scheme sets out a legislative framework to enhance the professionalism of decision-makers across the sector. A series of fact sheets have also been developed on the Scheme to assist planning and building professionals.
Having a more straightforward and responsive development assessment process will help attract greater investment in South Australia and foster a culture of transparency and collaboration.

I would like to thank all who have partnered with us to date in drafting the papers or providing early insights or feedback. I do hope you will take this opportunity to assist us further to refine our approach to development assessment and ensure we have a framework that supports the growth and prosperity of our state.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know we have listened to community feedback, and are extending consultation on the draft State Planning Policies to Friday 21 September 2018. Please visit the Have Your Say page on the SA Planning Portal. Many thanks,

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