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Administration  
of the  
*Development  
Act 1993*



Government of South Australia  
Department of Planning,  
Transport and Infrastructure



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# Minister's foreword

In compliance with section 21(1) of the *Development Act 1993*, I have prepared the following report on the administration of the Act for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

In compliance with sections 22(6) and 22(7a), this report includes information on the implementation of and changes to the Planning Strategy for South Australia.

**Hon John Rau MP**  
**Deputy Premier**  
**Minister for Planning**

October 2016



# The planning framework

## Introduction

South Australia's planning framework guides land use planning and development of the state. It has four main components:

- *Development Act 1993* and *Development Regulations 2008*
- the Planning Strategy for South Australia
- Development Plans for each council area
- Building Rules

## Legislation

The *Development Act 1993* (the Act) and its associated *Development Regulations 1993* came into operation on 15 January 1994. The *Development Regulations 1993* later expired and were remade on 1 September 2008 as the *Development Regulations 2008* (the Regulations).

The *Development Act 1993* will be replaced over time by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) which was approved by the Governor on 21 April 2016.

Among other things, the Act provides for the establishment of the new South Australian Planning Commission, the Community Engagement Charter, new statutory instruments (including State Planning Policies, Regional Plans and the Planning and Design Code), new assessment pathways and a professional accreditation system.

To commence a coordinated and seamless implementation of the new system, a Transitional Bill has been introduced to Parliament to provide the necessary stepping stones between the current *Development Act 1993* and the new *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

## The Planning Strategy for South Australia

The Act assigns responsibility to the Minister for Planning (the Minister) to prepare a Planning Strategy for the state. It provides the spatial expression of *South Australia's Strategic Plan* and is used to guide land use planning and development as well as the delivery of services and infrastructure.

The Planning Strategy facilitates planning at state, regional and local levels by providing direction on land use and development over the medium to longer term

(generally 30 years). The Act requires the state government to update the Planning Strategy at least every five years.

The Planning Strategy is comprised of seven volumes. The volumes and their most recent release dates are:

- *The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide* (February 2010) and *2016 Update*<sup>1</sup>
- *Far North Region Plan* (July 2010)
- *Kangaroo Island Plan* (January 2011) and *Addendum* (January 2014)
- *Murray and Mallee Region Plan* (January 2011) and *Addendum*<sup>2</sup>
- *Yorke Peninsula Regional Land Use Framework* (December 2007) and *Mid North Region Plan* (May 2011)
- *Limestone Coast Region Plan* (August 2011)
- *Eyre and Western Region Plan* (April 2012)

## Development Plans

There is a development plan for each of the state's 68 local council areas, as well as a development plan for areas not located within local government boundaries.

Development plans contain the zones, maps and written policies that help determine what development can and cannot be done on any piece of land within the area covered by the development plan.

## Building Rules

The Building Rules include the Regulations, the Building Code and Minister's Specifications and prescribe the technical requirements that apply to building work.

The Building Code contains technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings and other structures and addresses matters including structure, fire resistance, access and egress, services and equipment, energy efficiency and certain aspects of health and amenity.

Minister's Specifications are referenced in the Regulations or in the South Australian variations to the Building Code and address specific building issues such as farm buildings, essential safety provisions and buildings in bushfire prone areas.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2016 Draft Update of *The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide* was released on 25 August 2016 for public consultation until 21 October 2016

<sup>2</sup> The *Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale Character Preservation* (December 2013) is an addendum to two volumes of the Planning Strategy – the *30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide*, and the *Murray and Mallee Region Plan*



# Changes to the planning framework in 2015-16

## Legislative changes

### **Amendments to the *Development Act 1993***

There were no changes to the Act in the 2015-16 financial year:

### **Amendments to the *Development Regulations 2008***

The following changes to the Regulations commenced operation in the 2015-16 financial year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Gazettal</b>	<b>Commencement</b>
<i>Development (Fees) Variation Regulations 2015</i>	To implement annual fee increases in accordance with CPI increases.	18-6-2015 p 2613	1-7-2015
<i>Development (Renewal of Social Housing) Variation Regulations 2015</i>	To facilitate the assessment of developments proposed under the <i>Renewing our Streets and Suburbs Stimulus Program</i> .	3-9-2015 p 4162	3-9-2015
<i>Development (Schedule 3) Variation Regulations 2015</i>	To exempt small roadside food stalls from requiring development approval	15-10-2015 p 4614	15-10-2015
<i>Development Variation Regulations 2016</i>	To exempt the connecting of buildings and structures to the NBN in the Colonel Light Gardens State Heritage Area from requiring development approval.	18-2-2016 p 550	18-2-2016
<i>Development (City of Holdfast Bay) Variation Regulations 2016</i>	To make the DAC the relevant authority to determine development applications for buildings exceeding 4 storeys in height in the District Centre Zone, Glenelg Policy Area 2 and Residential High Density Zone in the City of Holdfast Bay.	2-6-2016 p 2003	2-6-2016
<i>Development (Renewal of Social Housing) Variation Regulations 2016</i>	To enable the assessment of developments proposed under the <i>Renewing our Streets and Suburbs Stimulus Program</i> to be expanded.	30-6-2016 p 2765	30-6-2016

## Changes to the Planning Strategy

The *Development Act 1993* requires that the various parts of the Planning Strategy are reviewed at least once in every 5 years. *The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide*, a volume of the South Australian Planning Strategy, was released in February 2010, and as such is being reviewed and updated.

Beginning in 2015, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) undertook a review of the Plan to fulfil a legislative requirement and to ensure the Plan is best positioned to respond to changing needs, trends and circumstances for the Greater Adelaide region. Much has changed since the Plan was released in 2010, but the fundamental directions of the Plan remain sound.

During 2015-16 DPTI, in liaison with other government agencies, and relevant local councils, continued the preparation of a targeted update. The draft Update focuses on reviewing the key assumptions underpinning the Plan, providing directions and targets to drive regeneration, and reduces the need to expand at the urban fringe and unlocks new opportunities for investment, employment and economic growth.

The Update to the Plan also:

- reviews population and land supply assumptions, housing supply and locations for urban infill
- provides greater focus on economic development, unlocking investment and creation of jobs
- protects our valuable environmental and food production areas
- contains policies to increase the diversity and affordability of housing whilst protecting our character and heritage
- facilitates good design outcomes that positively contribute to existing neighbourhoods
- reinforces and enhances Adelaide's reputation as a liveable and vibrant place
- establishes a series of six new targets (reduced from 89 in the 2010 Plan) as key performance measures of the Plan's delivery of the new walkable urban form
- contains new governance directions which have been adjusted to align with the progressive implementation of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

During the development of the Update, DPTI undertook an active program of local government and industry engagement, which has substantially influenced the directions of the draft Update. The draft Update was released for 8 weeks of public consultation (from 25 August 2016 to 21 October 2016).

## Changes to Development Plans

### Introduction

The Act provides that each council is responsible for amending the development plan for its area to reflect any changes to the Planning Strategy. The Minister can also amend development plans to address issues of state significance.

### Amendments

Development Plan amendment activity for 2013-14 to 2015-16:

Development Plan amendment activity	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Statements of intent agreed between councils and the Minister	28	24	15
DPA's from councils approved by the Minister	28	35	24
Mean time for approved DPAs (months)	36	40	34
Median time for approved DPAs (months)	27	38	25
DPA's initiated by the Minister	3	3	1
DPA's initiated and approved by the Minister	12	4	8
Mean time for approval of DPAs initiated by the Minister (months)	16	23	13
Median time for approval of DPAs initiated by the Minister (months)	16	25	10

Source: DPTI Statutory Planning

## Development Plan review

Section 30 of the Act requires councils to undertake a review of the policies contained in the development plans that relate to their area to ensure they support the objectives of the Planning Strategy. This should be done every five years, or within 12 months of a change in the Planning Strategy.

Appendix 1 shows the status of the council reports at 30 June 2016.

## Changes to the Building Rules

An amendment to update the definition of "approved building industry accreditation authority" under the *Development Regulations 2008*.

The amendment deleted reference to an obsolete association name and clarifies that all accreditation bodies must be recognised by the Minister.

For the purposes of Regulations 87 and 91, the following accreditation bodies are now recognised:

- The Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
- The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

## Changes to the Building Code of Australia

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) forms part of the National Construction Code (NCC). The BCA is produced and maintained by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) on behalf of the Australian Government and state and territory governments. It has been given the status of building regulations by all states and territories.

The NCC contains technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings and other structures. It covers such matters as structure, fire resistance, access and egress, services and equipment, and energy efficiency, as well as certain aspects of health and amenity.

NCC 2016 was adopted on 1 May 2016. South Australia included several state variations and additions to NCC 2016, including several by gazette.

Provisions were introduced defining, that under certain circumstances, a small arts venue for live music, visual arts display, dancing, poetry and spoken word performances can be classified as a retail building rather than a public assembly building. This provision forms part of the reactivation of existing buildings initiative and means that an existing building undergoing a change of classification need not incorporate all of the safety measures required for an assembly building.

Amendments were also made to the swimming pool provisions, including a:

- new requirement to have prominent and visible signage that assists people to provide first aid and to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on young children; and a
- variation to clarify that a skimmer box is an outlet, which means that a secondary suction outlet is required for safety purposes.

The NCC became free online as of 1 May 2015 and was jointly funded by the Commonwealth, States and Territories. This initiative was intended to increase industry awareness and compliance levels. There has been an increase in user numbers from 12,000 in 2014 to over 100,000 in 2016. Further development is underway to increase awareness and understanding through an improved structure, format and readability.

The next edition to the NCC is scheduled for adoption in 1 May 2019.

# Development assessment performance

## Planning system performance

The planning system indicators program collects data on the number and timeliness of actions and decisions in areas such as development assessment, statutory referrals, appeals and compliance. It is part of a broad suite of measures used to monitor and report on planning system improvements.

The data is collected from: councils and their development assessment panels; state government agencies involved in consultation and referrals; the Development Assessment Commission; private certifiers; and the Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) Court.

The table below summarises the number of councils who have responded to the quarterly survey over the past 2 years. It also shows the number of councils who responded in each of the 4 quarters.

### Council Returns by Quarter (out of 68)

#### 2014-15

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	All 4 Qtrs*
50	50	50	51	51

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

#### 2015-16

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	All 4 Qtrs*
55	55	55	56	55

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

\* number of councils that reported in every quarter of that financial year.

Note: 50 councils responded in all 8 quarters between 2014-15 and 2015-16

Over the past 2 years, 50 of the 68 councils have provided data in each quarter. In order to provide a meaningful comparison between financial years, the tables below show data only for the councils, private certifiers and referral agents who have responded in every quarter in both 2014-15 and 2015-16, as an indicator of relative performance of the planning system.

See Appendix 3 for tables containing all data provided in the 2015-16 reporting year.

## Development plan consents

Development applications lodged, approved or refused:

2014-15

Development plan category	Lodged	Approved	Refused
Schedule 4 complying (includes Res Code)	2 356	2 303	3
Merit	22 643	20 754	554
Non-complying	342	154	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 341</b>	<b>23 211</b>	<b>604</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

2015-16

Development plan category	Lodged	Approved	Refused
Schedule 4 complying (includes Res Code)	2 416	2 346	5
Merit	21 917	18 820	459
Non-complying	307	288	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 640</b>	<b>21 454</b>	<b>505</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Median number of calendar days for applications to be approved by the authority according to the following categories (for each quarter):

2014-15

Development plan category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 4 complying	12.0	9.0	10.5	9.0
Schedule 4 Res Code complying	8.5	10.0	8.5	9.0
Category 1 merit	21.0	16.5	18.5	17.0
Category 2 merit	35.0	34.0	43.5	32.0
Category 3 merit	56.0	52.0	66.0	62.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

2015-16

Development plan category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 4 complying	9.0	8.5	8.0	9.0
Schedule 4 Res Code complying	7.0	8.0	10.5	8.0
Category 1 merit	18.0	20.0	18.0	18.5
Category 2 merit	42.0	42.5	40.0	37.5
Category 3 merit	50.0	48.0	48.0	65.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Time within which further information was supplied (if requested):

Information received	2014-15	2015-16
Within 30 days	14 663	14 654
Beyond 30 days	6 330	6 263
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 993</b>	<b>20 917</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Number of applications lodged (in the three public notification categories):

Category	2014-15	2015-16
Category 1	21 472	22 272
Category 2	3 105	1 975
Category 3	659	571
Total	25 236	24 818

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Planning consents issued by each type of relevant authority:

Relevant authority	2014-15	2015-16
Development Assessment Commission	576	639
Regional Development Assessment Panel	290	138
Officer of the authority under delegation	27 259	27 094
Total	28 125	27 871

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Building rules consents

Building rules consent applications lodged, approved or refused:

Consents	2014-15	2015-16
Lodged	34 429	33 279
Approved	34 269	34 613
Refused	184	130

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Note: Only Councils and Private Certifiers who responded in all eight quarters in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are included

Schedule 1A building rules consent-only applications assessed:

Application type assessed	2014-15	2015-16
Schedule 1A building rules consent only	5 928	6 106

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Median number of calendar days for Schedule 1A building rules consent-only applications to be approved by the authority (for each quarter):

### 2014-15

Application type assessed	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 1A building rules consent only	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

### 2015-16

Application type assessed	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 1A building rules consent only	6.5	7.0	6.0	6.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Referrals

Statutory referrals made under Schedule 8 of the *Development Regulations 2008*:

Referral item	2014-15	2015-16
Total number of referrals received	2 223	2 268
Total number of referrals responded to within the statutory timeframe	1 926	1 704
Total number of referrals responded to outside the statutory timeframe	226	346
Number of requests for further information that were made	263	308
Number of applicant responses that were received	197	237
Number of non statutory referrals received	383	9

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Note: Only Referral Agents who responded in all eight quarters in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are included

## Appeals

Appeal process	2014-15	2015-16
Applicant appeals:		
Appeals lodged with the ERD Court	155	130
Appeals resolved without the need for a hearing	153	117
Appeals that resulted in the confirmation of a decision	19	6
Appeals that resulted in the variation of a decision	3	5
Appeals that resulted in the reversal of a decision	2	4
Third party appeals:		
Appeals lodged with the ERD Court	70	59
Appeals resolved without the need for a hearing	56	31
Appeals that resulted in the confirmation of a decision	2	3
Appeals that resulted in the variation of a decision	0	1
Appeals that resulted in the reversal of a decision	6	3

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Land division approvals

Land divisions for which a certificate of approval has been issued by the Development Assessment Commission:

Land division	2014-15	2015-16
Certificate of approval issued	3 018	3 117

Source: DPTI Electronic Land Division Lodgement System (EDALA) – all land use types

For further information about land division activity in South Australia, please refer to the DPTI Land Development Activity Report at <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing-property-and-land/local-government/land-supply-monitoring>



# Planning and Development Fund

The Planning and Development Fund is administered by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The Act requires developers to provide open space at the time of land division or to make a payment into the Fund.

In 2015-16 the Fund provided \$21.1 million towards public realm and open space projects across the state. Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of the funds allocated by project.

## Improving open space and recreational facilities

The government has continued to provide investment in a range of projects to purchase, plan and develop public and open space across the state. These initiatives have progressed the open space targets of the 30-Year Plan and have delivered on the government's commitment to provide investment into local reserves and playgrounds.

## Grants to Local Government

In 2015-16, the program provided \$19.0 million in grants to local government, including those through the Open Space and Places for People grant programs.

The Open Space program provides funding support to local government for the purchase, development or planning of public open space.

The Places for People program provides funding support for the development of urban design frameworks and guidelines, concept designs, design development and capital works prominent public places in cities, suburbs and urban centres.

## Other projects

In 2015-16, the program provided \$2.1 million towards public space and strategic planning projects through direct strategic investment in state government projects.

# Appendix 1: Status of council strategic directions reports (SDRs) at 30 June 2016

Council	Year when the last SDR was approved	Timeline to prepare a new SDR	Progress of SDR
<b>BAROSSA, LIGHT &amp; LOWER NORTH REGION</b>			
Adelaide Plains (formerly Mallala)	2013	*	The updated draft 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide is currently on public consultation. Councils are encouraged to participate in this process prior to undertaking any further strategic work.
Barossa	2014	*	as above
Gawler	2001	*	as above
Light	2015	*	as above
<b>NORTHERN ADELAIDE REGION</b>			
Playford	2015	*	as above
Port Adelaide Enfield (part)	2013	*	as above
Salisbury	2013	*	as above
Tea Tree Gully	2012	*	as above
<b>WESTERN ADELAIDE REGION</b>			
Charles Sturt	2014	*	as above
Port Adelaide Enfield (part)	2013	*	as above
West Torrens	2015	*	as above
<b>EASTERN ADELAIDE REGION</b>			
Adelaide	2009	*	as above
Burnside	1997	*	as above
Campbelltown	2013	*	as above
Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	2003	*	as above
Prospect	2002	*	as above
Unley	2014	*	as above
Walkerville	2013	*	as above
<b>SOUTHERN ADELAIDE REGION</b>			
Holdfast Bay	2014	*	as above
Marion	2014	*	as above
Mitcham	2014	*	as above
Onkaparinga	2015	*	as above
<b>ADELAIDE HILLS REGION</b>			
Adelaide Hills	2003	*	as above
Mount Barker	2014	*	as above
<b>FLEURIEU &amp; KANGAROO ISLAND REGION</b>			
Alexandrina	1999	*	as above
Victor Harbor	2002	*	as above
Yankalilla	no record	*	as above
Kangaroo Island	2004	*	lodged for agreement
<b>EYRE &amp; WESTERN REGION (Plan adopted April 2012)</b>			
Ceduna	2003	*	

Council	Year when the last SDR was approved	Timeline to prepare a new SDR	Progress of SDR
Cleve	1998	*	
Elliston	2002	*	
Franklin Harbour	1999	*	
Kimba	2004	*	
Lower Eyre Peninsula	2002	*	
Port Lincoln	2002	*	
Streaky Bay	2002	*	
Tumby Bay	2004	*	
Whyalla	2006	*	
Wudinna	2004	*	
<b>FAR NORTH REGION (Plan adopted July 2010)</b>			
Cooper Pedy	2014	*	
Flinders Ranges	2015	*	lodged for agreement
Port Augusta	2007	*	
Roxby Downs	1999	*	
<b>YORKE &amp; MID NORTH REGION (Plans adopted December 2007 &amp; May 2011)</b>			
Barunga West	1999	*	
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	2014	*	
Copper Coast	2006	*	
Goyder	2013	*	
Mount Remarkable	1999	*	
Northern Areas	2003	*	
Orroroo Carrieton	no record	*	
Peterborough	1998	*	
Port Pirie	2011	*	
Wakefield	2005	*	
Yorke Peninsula	1998	*	
<b>MURRAY MALLEE REGION (Plan adopted January 2011)</b>			
Berri Barmera	2014	*	
Coorong	2012	*	
Karoonda East Murray	2002	*	
Loxton Waikerie	2014	*	
Mid Murray	2002	*	
Murray Bridge	2014	*	
Renmark Paringa	2014	*	
Southern Mallee	1998	*	
<b>LIMESTONE COAST REGION (Plan adopted August 2011)</b>			
Grant	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn
Kingston	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn
Mount Gambier	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn
Naracoorte Lucindale	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn
Robe	2014	*	
Tatiara	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn
Wattle Range	2002	*	Regional SDR withdrawn

\* The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 does not contain provisions for SDRs but gives greater opportunity for Councils to be involved in the Regional Planning process.

## Appendix 2: Expenditure from the Planning and Development Fund at 30 June 2016

Recipient	Project	Grant (\$)
<b>Grants to Local Government</b>		
Adelaide City Council	Marshmallow Park - Parklands Demonstration Project	4 500 000
Adelaide City Council	Temporary Skate Park	375 000
Barossa Council	Mount Pleasant and Angaston Urban Design Framework Implementation	160 000
City of Charles Sturt	Grange Lakes Path	340 000
City of Charles Sturt	Grange to Semaphore Park (Stage 1)	2 000 000
City of Charles Sturt	Hindmarsh Place Making Masterplan	30 000
District Council of Coober Pedy	Coober Pedy - Community Urban Enhancement Plan	25 000
District Council of Coober Pedy	Coober Pedy - Youth and Community Recreation Plan	20 000
District Council of the Copper Coast	Kadina Commercial Centre Redevelopment	1 995 000
City of Holdfast Bay	Jetty Road Glenelg and Environs Master Plan	75 000
City of Holdfast Bay	Kingston Park Precinct 7 (Stages 1 and 2)	1 031 013
Kangaroo Island Council	Kangaroo Island - Parndana Walking Trail	5 000
Kangaroo Island Council	Kingscote to Brownlow Shared Use Path	100 000
District Council of Kimba	Kimba - Kimba Town Centre and Main Street Detailed Design Study	32 500
City of Marion	Sturt River Linear Park	240 000
City of Marion	Tonsley Greenway - Stage 1	350 000
City of Mitcham	Sturt River and Minno Creek Land Purchase	50 000
Rural City of Murray Bridge	Sixth Street Redevelopment	1 700 141
City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	Kent Town Urban Design Framework	45 000
City of Onkaparinga	Foreshore Access Plan Stage 2	2 000 000
District Council of Peterborough	Main Street Renewal Project	148 085
City of Playford	Fremont Park Stage 2	1 000 000
City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Hanson Reserve Stage 2 - Park and Playspace Upgrade	779 000
City of Prospect	Main North Road Central - Precinct Concept Plan	97 000
City of Prospect	Memorial Gardens, Playspace and Community Gardens	97 041
City of Tea Tree Gully	Modbury Precinct Civic Park Redevelopment - Stage 2	420 000
City of Victor Harbor	Victor Harbor Main Street Precinct - Stage 2 construction	742 084
City of West Torrens	Holland Street Plaza and Streetscape	281 270
City of West Torrens	Open Space for Higher Density Development Structure Plan	19 000
Whyalla City Council	Wilson Park Redevelopment	370 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>19 027 134</b>

Recipient	Project	Grant (\$)
<b>Other public space and planning projects</b>		
DPTI	Implementation of the 30 Year Plan	1 000 000
DEWNR	Green Infrastructure	110 000
DEWNR	Open Space Land Management	565 000
DEWNR	Tennyson Dunes Coast Park Planning	110 000
Renewal SA	Renew Adelaide	300 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>2 085 000</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND</b>		<b><u>21 112 134</u></b>

## Appendix 3: Planning system performance 2015-16 (using all available data)

### Development plan consents

Development plans lodged, approved or refused:

Development plan category	Lodged	Approved	Refused
Schedule 4 complying (includes Res Code)	2 444	2 368	5
Merit	22 335	19 192	462
Non-complying	313	288	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 092</b>	<b>21 848</b>	<b>508</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Median number of calendar days for applications to be approved by the authority according to the following categories (for each quarter):

Development plan category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 4 complying	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.5
Schedule 4 Res Code complying	7.0	8.0	10.0	8.0
Category 1 merit	18.0	18.0	17.0	18.0
Category 2 merit	41.0	42.0	40.0	37.0
Category 3 merit	50.0	48.0	44.0	60.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Time within which further information was supplied (if requested):

Information received	Number
Within 30 days	14 856
Beyond 30 days	6 305
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 161</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Number of applications lodged (in the three public notification categories):

Category	Number
Category 1	22 711
Category 2	1 980
Category 3	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 281</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Planning consents issued by each type of relevant authority:

Relevant authority	Number
Development Assessment Commission	639
Regional Development Assessment Panel	143
Officer of the authority under delegation	27 484
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 266</b>

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Building rules consents

Building rules consent applications lodged, approved or refused:

Consents	Number
Lodged	34 224
Approved	35 517
Refused	133

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Schedule 1A building rules consent-only applications assessed:

Application type assessed	Number
Schedule 1A building rules consent only	6 113

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

Median number of calendar days for Schedule 1A building rules consent-only applications to be approved by the authority (for each quarter):

Application type assessed	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Schedule 1A building rules consent only	6.0	7.0	6.0	7.0

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Referrals

Statutory referrals made under Schedule 8:

Referral item	Number
Total number of referrals received	2 647
Total number of referrals responded to within the statutory timeframe	2 086
Total number of referrals responded to outside the statutory timeframe	366
Number of requests for further information that were made	325
Number of applicant responses that were received	253
Number of non statutory referrals received	157

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

## Appeals

Appeal process	Number
<b>Applicant appeals:</b>	
Appeals lodged with the ERD Court	130
Appeals resolved without the need for a hearing	117
Appeals that resulted in the confirmation of a decision	6
Appeals that resulted in the variation of a decision	5
Appeals that resulted in the reversal of a decision	4
<b>Third party appeals:</b>	
Appeals lodged with the ERD Court	59
Appeals resolved without the need for a hearing	31
Appeals that resulted in the confirmation of a decision	3
Appeals that resulted in the variation of a decision	1
Appeals that resulted in the reversal of a decision	3

Source: DPTI Planning System Indicator database

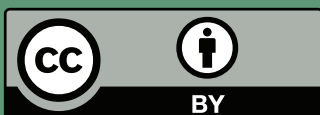
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