

# 2014 State Report Card

## Are the Planning Strategy for South Australia and regional NRM Board priorities well aligned?

South Australia's economic prosperity and community well-being are underpinned by policies that support environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change. An effective and integrated natural resources management and land use planning system is required to respond to current and future challenges.


The [Planning Strategy for South Australia](#) sets out long-term visions for land use and development across the state. The Planning Strategy provides the broad, statewide planning aims for interpretation by Councils into local planning policy documents.

The Planning Strategy is made up of 8 volumes defined by geographical regions; a volume for metropolitan Adelaide and 7 volumes for regional South Australia. The Planning Strategy has been progressively developed since 2007 in consultation with regional NRM boards. It addresses environmental assets and systems, hazards and climate change through planning initiatives aimed to align with, or strengthen other natural resource management legislation and policies.



Regional trends in the alignment of the Planning Strategy and regional NRM plans



**State target**  
 All NRM planning and investment decisions take into account ecological, social and production considerations

<b>Trend (2012-14)</b>	Getting better	Since 2012, there has been an increased focus on integrating NRM priorities into the land use planning system
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Since the State NRM Plan for South Australia was adopted in 2012, the review and implementation of the Planning Strategy has focussed on the management of water quality and supply, and the adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation policies, including disaster resilience measures to improve bushfire and flood management.

The Planning Strategy also implemented land use policies that strengthen the protection of biodiversity and coastal assets.

<b>Where we are at (2014)</b>	Good	In 2015, the review of the Planning Strategy for South Australia will improve alignment with regional natural resource management priorities
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The volumes of the Planning Strategy for South Australia will be reviewed in 2015. The review will be undertaken in consultation with NRM boards, and the Planning Strategy will be updated to reflect regional priorities. The review will improve alignment with natural resource management priorities, including more detailed consideration of long-term challenges such as climate change.

The revised Planning Strategy will improve public participation in the planning process and provide opportunities for members of the community to give informed and considered input.

<b>Reliability of information</b>	★★★★★	Excellent
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**Further information:**  
[Technical information for this report card](#), [Planning Strategy for South Australia](#)