

What we heard



Stakeholder consultation report

Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031

May 2026

greenadelaide.sa.gov.au

**GREEN
ADELAIDE**

Contents

1. Introduction.....	3
2. Engagement focus.....	3
3. Method and reach	4
Pre-consultation to inform the development of the draft document.....	4
Public consultation on the draft document.....	4
4. Outcomes of the consultation	6
Pre-consultation to inform the development of the draft document.....	6
Public consultation on the draft document.....	6
4.1 Support for the RLP	6
4.2 Overall document and focus.....	7
4.3 Monitoring, evaluation and factors of success.....	7
4.4 How investment decisions are made	8
4.5 How we define partnerships	9
4.6 Identification of flagship projects.....	9
4.7 Recognising climate change within the plan	10
4.8 Greening and Biodiversity section.....	10
4.9 Algal bloom as an issue.....	11
4.10 How we recognise and work with Kaurua.....	11
4.11 Recognising environmental connectivity across focus areas.....	11
5. Summary of quantitative results	13
Attachment: Who we received feedback from	14
Attachment: Summary of pre-consultation qualitative feedback	15



1. Introduction

As per legislated requirement, Green Adelaide has developed its second 5-year Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 (RLP), informed by a review of its inaugural Regional Landscape Plan 2021-26 and several engagement activities.

Being the second 5-year RLP, Board direction and staff perspectives informed the initial focus and structure for the plan to guide Green Adelaide's directions. The Board determined that the new RLP would be more strongly focused on how Green Adelaide functions within its region, which is a pivot toward a more organisationally specific plan as opposed to a more aspirational regionally-based document. This provides a stronger focus for the organisation to consider its actions and deliverables.

Partner consultation informed the development of an initial draft RLP through pre-consultation to understand their strategic priorities and how these could be considered by Green Adelaide.

A draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 was developed with consideration for the conversations and directions provided by extensive discussions internally and externally. Consistent with the legislative requirements and the Board determined approach to consultation, this document was released for public consultation to obtain input on the focus and directions from the broader community, as well as partner agencies.

This report provides a summary of the external consultation processes undertaken, the feedback received, and the manner in which this has been considered and incorporated in the development of the final Green Adelaide Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031.

2. Engagement focus

Key new elements within the draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 included:

- A purpose statement and values to support Green Adelaide's vision.
- An alignment of priorities to 3 geographically based focus areas.
- An articulation of Green Adelaide's core capabilities through defining five enabling functions that are carried out by the organisation.

Pre-consultation prior to finalising a draft RLP focused on partner agencies, with questions related to:

- What is their vision for the future of urban landscapes, open spaces and waterways of metropolitan Adelaide?
- What are the big issues of most concern or highest priority for them?
- Within these issues, are there ways that they felt Green Adelaide could have an impact?
- What actions they felt would help achieve transformative change in managing metropolitan Adelaide's environment?
- Anything else they wished to share with Green Adelaide that would assist in developing the next regional plan.
- Any key information (documents, maps, web content etc.) that they would like to provide which could help in developing the next regional plan.

Public consultation on the draft plan was focused on understanding:

- Whether this plan seems fit-for-purpose in guiding positive change for Adelaide's urban environment.
- Whether the community and partner agencies can see opportunities to play a part in implementing actions that will help Green Adelaide deliver the outcomes that it is working towards.
- Whether there was anything else that should be considered for inclusion in the RLP.



3. Method and reach

Pre-consultation to inform the development of the draft document

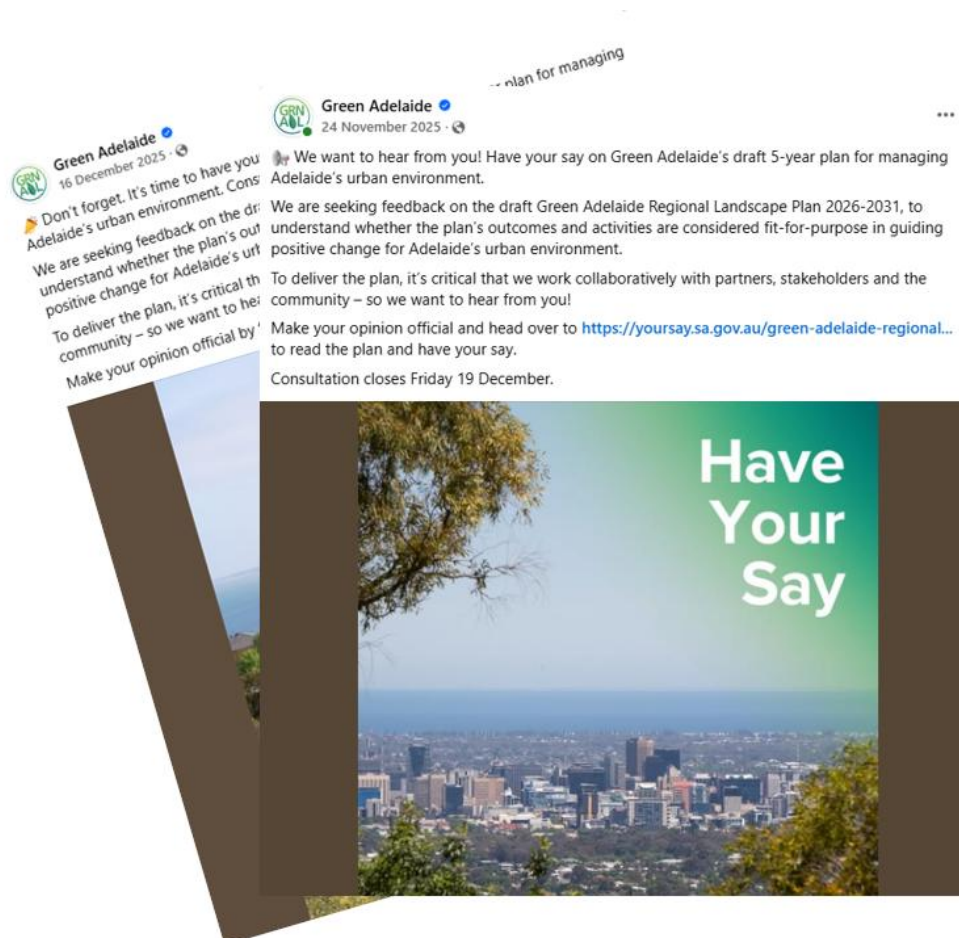
Pre-consultation on the RLP involved stakeholders being identified as having an interest in providing input into the development of Green Adelaide's next Regional Landscape Plan. This included local councils, relevant state government organisations, environmental non-government organisations and First Nation advisory groups.

Stakeholders were offered an in-person meeting and/or an invitation to complete a written survey. In total, Green Adelaide contacted 60 agencies, seeking input at the pre-consultation phase. This included all local councils in the Green Adelaide region, other landscape boards, various government departments and branches within the Department for Environment and Water, peak bodies, not for profit and community agencies. Through this, Green Adelaide received feedback from 20 organisations. This was in addition to bespoke conversations held with Warpulai Kumangka, an advisory group established under the Native Title Prescribed Body, the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation.

Public consultation on the draft document

Broader public consultation occurred after a draft RLP was developed to obtain public feedback on it.

This involved a YourSAY public consultation page being developed. Public notification of the consultation occurred through emails being sent to partner agencies, posts on Green Adelaide's social media accounts, and emails sent through contact lists.



In total, YourSAy identified 1.8K total visits to the draft RLP page. This resulted in 32 surveys being completed on the YourSAy site, and 30 written submissions being provided to Green Adelaide.

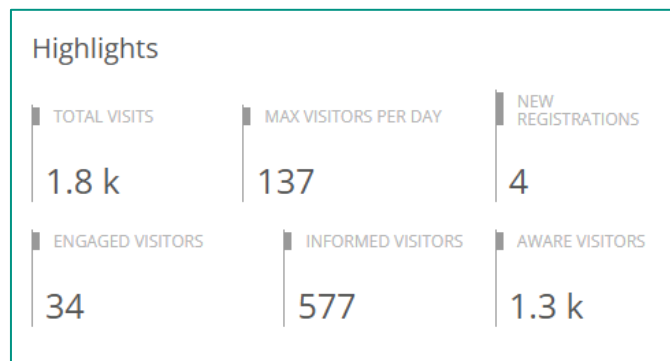


Figure 1: YourSAy engagement statistics in relation to reach of the consultation.



4. Outcomes of the consultation

Pre-consultation to inform the development of the draft document

The conversations and written responses focused on partner agencies views on the future of urban landscapes, open spaces and waterways of metropolitan Adelaide, the issues of most concern and priority for them, and views on where Green Adelaide could have an impact and on actions that could achieve transformative change in managing Adelaide's environment.

The key themes raised are summarised as:

- **Climate Change** – better climate resilience planning is needed for the future and should be incorporated through the goals in Green Adelaide's Regional Landscape Plan.
- **Partnerships and collaboration** – stronger strategic links, investment and active partnerships needed between relevant local, state and federal governments and with community groups and schools.
- **Strategic coordination and leadership** – an interest in Green Adelaide playing a role in pulling together organisations at a strategic, decision-making level. This helps agencies to involve themselves in greening and cooling outcomes when these are not central but are strongly supplementary to their interests.
- **Trees/urban greening challenges** – concerns were raised with lack of available space for planting and the ability to meet tree canopy targets.
- **Development and the environment** – as the population grows the increase in urban infill and development needs to be better balanced with environmental and community health and wellbeing needs.
- **Water** – improved water management (including stormwater management) resulting in better water security is needed.
- **Data** – better data sharing is needed to help enable evidence-based decision making by all agencies across the region.

Public consultation on the draft document

The written submissions and completed surveys on the YourSAy site provided hundreds of comments with views and suggestions on the draft RLP. These ranged from broad commentary on the document through to specific points on wording. Many raised similar issues and suggestions, which have been grouped and are outlined below.

4.1 Support for the RLP

There was general support for the structure of the RLP with its three focus areas. Given this is a significant change in structure, these positive comments indicate the direction is viewed as acceptable. There were no submissions calling for a return to the previous structure.

Support for the partnership approach of Green Adelaide has also been mentioned as valued by organisations across the region. The role in supporting working together was raised generally and in relation to specific work.

'[Organisation H] supports [the RLPs] strong focus on coast and marine, inland waters, and greening and biodiversity as key priorities for the metropolitan region. The plan clearly outlines the pressures on these systems including climate impacts, urban expansion, stormwater pollution and habitat loss—and the need for coordinated regional action.'

'[Organisation O] commends Green Adelaide on its draft RLP and supports its ambitions. We welcome the renewed emphasis on 'greening and biodiversity' and 'inland waters' and recognise the critical role Green Adelaide plays in shaping a cooler, greener and more climate-resilient metropolitan region.'



'The draft plan presents a clear strategic vision and well-structured focus areas addressing core environmental challenges for Greater Adelaide. It emphasizes the importance of collaboration with government, industry, and community partners to achieve meaningful outcomes.' (Organisation I)

'[Organisation C] supports Green Adelaide's focus areas for the next five years particularly 'inland waters' and 'greening and biodiversity'.

'We value our working relationship with Green Adelaide and acknowledge the on-going collaborative approach between our organisations.' (Organisation F)

'The overall simplicity and layout of the plan is to be commended.' (Organisation N)

[Organisation N] recognises Green Adelaide's approach to a strategic leadership role in managing Adelaide's environment for the next 5 years.

Green Adelaide response

The final draft RLP retains the changed structure and focus as determined by the Board, its focus on three geographically defined areas, and definition on how Green Adelaide undertakes its work.

4.2 Overall document and focus

While there was general positivity on the structure of the document, there were several community submissions raised concerns around broader government policy and loss of canopy cover and trees, and concerns with coastal issues such as sand management and the algal bloom that was occurring during the consultation period.

'There will always be a battle to encourage development but at the same time protect our fragile biodiversity, but government is more attached to development and not counting the future costs.' (Community member 7)

'How can the region become cooler, greener, wilder when hundreds if not thousands of trees will be cut down for the development of LIV Golf in the Adelaide Parklands' (Community member 8)

More drastic work needs to be undertaken to preserve our remaining natural heritage. This includes older houses and large blocks being knocked down and significant trees being removed as well as fruit trees and other plants for animals and insects. Until this is addressed the problem is only going to get worse (Community member 9)

Green Adelaide response

Green Adelaide will continue to work with other departments such as Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) and developers to protect the natural environment. Proposed actions have strengthened this element.

4.3 Monitoring, evaluation and factors of success

Comments included a desire for stronger monitoring and reporting of the plan itself, options for improving the evidence base for decision-making and general environmental reporting, opportunities for collaboration, and a desire to understand how Green Adelaide will identify success.

Some comments also indicated a desire for region-wide targets for a range of environmental factors including biodiversity and increased canopy targets.



'[organisation C] supports data-led approaches and the draft RLP can build on this evidence base by:

- Supporting an ongoing ecological monitoring program across the region with agreements in place for shared and open access data.*
- Collaborating on research into urban habitat resilience, native species recovery, and the effects of recreational pressure on sensitive sites.*
- Establishing shared regional metrics for biodiversity condition, canopy enhancement, invasive species management, and urban heat mitigation.'*

'[organisation D] supports the Plan's commitment to monitoring and transparent reporting, including continued investment in canopy and heat mapping. This would be strengthened by integrating climate risk metrics, establishing baseline condition assessments and aligning performance indicators across councils and partners.'

'[Organisation F] strongly encourages partnering with other stakeholders including state government agencies, local government and industry to develop standardised site condition reporting for areas such as biodiversity.'

'[Organisation K] strongly recommend that every effort needs to be made to better report on the condition of our ecological assets and fill these gaps in knowledge.'

'[Organisation A] recommends the inclusion of benchmarking and collecting base line data to clearly demonstrate the progress of outcomes and for this data to be publicly available.'

Green Adelaide response

The final draft RLP has clarified and expanded on Green Adelaide's monitoring and evaluation roles and directions. An expanded section relating to this has been included in the final draft RLP, establishing the framework on how this will occur.

4.4 How investment decisions are made

Feedback outlined a desire to understand how Green Adelaide decides to expend its levy funding. This was both explicitly stated as well as implied, particularly on how on-ground action and partnership investment decisions occur.

'Given the breadth of work identified, it would benefit stakeholders to understand more clearly the investment priorities, particularly where the emphasis is within enabling functions and actions, as they will flow through to program support and delivery.' (Organisation G)

'Will Green Adelaide have a role to enable/encourage other organisations to trial new ideas and innovative solutions? Will Green Adelaide have a role to initiate or help coordinate funding and delivery of flagship / large - scale projects that set new benchmarks and work across multiple council areas?' (Organisation M)

The Plan appropriately recognises that metropolitan outcomes rely on partnership delivery. Greater transparency around annual prioritisation, clearer governance frameworks and the integration of climate and evidence-based criteria into project selection would strengthen collaboration and accountability. (Organisation D)

Green Adelaide response

The final draft RLP has included a new section outlining Green Adelaide's revised investment principles. These are used to guide decision-making on investment, particularly in relation to annual business planning.



4.5 How we define partnerships

There were expressions of a desire for stronger articulation of what 'partnership' means for Green Adelaide, with specific mentions requested by various sectors. Several submissions noted that volunteers were not explicitly mentioned. These were raised in a desire to understand and encourage mention of specific partnerships or other specific project / location based works.

"I encourage you to recognise the role of councils in the Plan, and acknowledge their role as an important delivery partner." (Organisation P)

'We note that the word "volunteer" does not appear anywhere in the Plan.' (Organisation T)

Organisation R identified a number of opportunities for working with other agencies throughout their submission, including Department for Housing and Urban Development, Department for Environment and Water and landholders, as well as identifying a number of strategic documents which align to the RLP.

Green Adelaide response

The final draft RLP has included an expanded section outlining how Green Adelaide operates, which references our approach to partnerships. This is in addition to our values, enabling functions, and investment principles - all of which specifically include collaboration. In addition, mention of specific sectors has been included, recognising that Green Adelaide works with a broad range of organisations and communities.

Volunteers are now specifically referenced throughout the document including in 'how we operate' and within focus areas.

4.6 Identification of flagship projects

- Many suggestions for specific locations of work were raised. These include suggestions for naturalising and generally focusing on the Sturt River / Warripari as a flagship site. Other locations raised were the Gawler River, the River Torrens, Field River, the Adelaide parklands, West Beach dunes, and West Beach to Henley beach, and others.

'We recommend that the Regional Plan identify Warriparrri as a priority, flagship opportunity, with Green Adelaide committing to lead the development of a coordinated regional program shaped in partnership with Kaurra, councils and State agencies.' (Organisation E)

'[the RLP should be] more clearly embedding "space for water and nature" in structure planning, master planning and infill development, so that water-sensitive urban design, urban greening and habitat corridors are treated as essential infrastructure rather than residual land uses.' [Organisation X]

'Green Adelaide has led important and substantial planning and restoration work in the Gawler River catchment in recent years. This investment has built momentum and partnerships and is recognised in the local region. We understand this work will continue and recommend that the Gawler River is explicitly reflected in the Plan' (Organisation G)

Green Adelaide response

The Regional Landscape Plan aims to identify overall types of work that will be undertaken, and how decisions on investments are made. Specific work, including flagship or larger projects, will occur through investment allocation within annual business plans.



4.7 Recognising climate change within the plan

There were comments relating to how climate change is considered in the plan, with calls for stronger links to climate action, mitigation and adaptation. Some suggestions felt that climate change needs to be identified more strongly as a strategic driver, whereas others referenced specific opportunities to address climate change.

'I urge you ensure that climate change is featured in all aspects of your next 5 year plan.' (Community Member 4)

"[we recommend that GA] embed climate adaptation and climate risk management as a core organising principle across all focus areas, actions, budgeted funding, investment decisions and monitoring frameworks." (Organisation D)

'Green Adelaide's support for this program will be highly influential in persuading decision-makers to provide ongoing funding support to build on the success of the Regional Climate Partnerships program.' (Organisation P)

"I feel pretty pessimistic about the reality of effecting positive climate change, but I'm glad there's someone at least talking/planning/visioning about it" (Community member 10)

Green Adelaide response

A new section on climate change has been added, and climate change is included as one of Green Adelaide's investment principles. Actions relating to understanding and adapting to climate change are included in the enabling functions that Green Adelaide will undertake.

Specific programs and support for work focusing on climate adaptation and resilience will be considered as part of Annual Business Planning processes.

4.8 Greening and Biodiversity section

Some comments were made that the name of this section is about doing rather than geographical location as per the other two focus areas.

There were competing perspectives on this focus area needing to be more firmly focused on the urban and built environment and an alternative view that it is too strongly focused on this.

'Recommend including more of an emphasis about why nature in cities is needed for both people and wildlife and why urban areas are critical to the survival of many wildlife species.' (Organisation M)

'The first improvement I would make is to the focus groups. The classifications are mixed, 2 based on what they are, the third on the outcomes.' (Community Member 11)

Green Adelaide response

As all focus areas incorporate biodiversity considerations as a key feature of Green Adelaide's work, and to align the three focus areas to geographical contexts, along with recognising the urban focus of Green Adelaide, the third focus area has been renamed as Urban Neighbourhoods. This recognises the terrestrial and urban systems in which Green Adelaide works, and ensures biodiversity is not aligned to one focus area only.



4.9 Algal bloom as an issue

There were comments about the algal bloom as a contemporary issue that could be mentioned, both as scene setting and as a potential driver of work. This was also raised in relation to integration of the Inland Waters and Coast and Marine focus areas.

'We have been told that the river Murray flood issues impacted the algal bloom in Adelaide's coastline- so hopefully collaboration between stakeholders of the Murray and other areas with Adelaide greening occurs.' (Community Member 1)

I understand that the algal bloom is likely to be a long-term issue to a greater or lesser extent. I recommend that this topic have special status in the Coast and Marine section of the Plan. It's probably one of the key areas that the public would identify with - especially as summer approaches. (Community Member 5)

'Important issues such as Harmful Algal Bloom, urban heat, and canopy cover monitoring should be explicitly acknowledged.' (Organisation I)

Green Adelaide response

While a contemporary issue, the algal bloom is considered as a broader issue associated with risks to the region. Mention of it has been added for contextual information as one of the types of risks that can be anticipated to impact the region.

4.10 How we recognise and work with Kaurna

Working with Kaurna has been raised as of importance, particularly by staff and Board members, but also through partner agencies and general community submissions.

'Indigenous knowledge is increasingly being recognised in environmental work. We have much catching up to do if we are to improve our environment. I urge you to ensure Indigenous knowledge wraps around all of Green Adelaide's work and that your next 5 year plan reflects that approach.' (Community Member 4)

'Supporting regular Kaurna-led cultural burns and regenerative practices that restore ecological processes and embed Kaurna knowledge into land management systems.' (Organisation H)

Green Adelaide response

The final draft RLP specifically includes Kaurna partnerships in 'how we operate' and as one of the investment principles. Specific work undertaken with Kaurna Miyurna occur through investment allocation within annual business plans.

4.11 Recognising environmental connectivity across focus areas

The inter-connectedness of the focus areas was raised multiple times, particularly in relation to the impact of inland water quality flows (as stormwater) on receiving waters in the coastal and marine areas of the Gulf St Vincent.

'The current approach treats water dependent environments—such as rivers, wetlands, estuaries—as discrete elements, rather than as interconnected parts of broader catchments.' (Organisation H)

'Plan would benefit from providing greater scope to develop projects that integrate the multiple facets of the urban and peri-urban environment including catchment landuse, surface water runoff, groundwater



input/output, water quality, habitat availability and biodiversity across the entire region from catchment along drainages, through to estuaries and into the marine environment.’ (Organisation S)

‘We look forward to opportunities work together to improve the condition of waterways and the quality of water flowing into waterways and the Gulf of St Vincent, whilst ensuring Adelaide’s long-term water security.’ (Organisation U)

Green Adelaide response

The inter-relationship across focus areas is acknowledged in the introductory sections for each area, and has been strengthened. These indicate that while there are discrete focus areas for simplicity, there is an understanding and appreciation that inter-dependencies across focus areas exist.



5. Summary of quantitative results

As part of the YourSAy consultation, a short survey was provided to gain a snapshot understanding of how people felt about the draft RLP. For each question, people were asked to provide a rating on how well the RLP represents that area of work, followed by a question asking why people rated the question that way.

The qualitative elements provided through elaboration on individual scores have been included in the discussion on issues raised through the consultation in Section 4 of this report.

The below provides the scoring outcomes for the three questions asked of survey respondents.

How well do you think the draft 5-year plan takes us toward the long-term vision? *



Not that well



Quite well



Very well

Result

Not that well	Quite well	Very well
11	16	5

3. The plan articulates our desired outcomes for the next 5 years.

How well do these outcomes align to your environmental aspirations for the region? *



Not that well



Quite well



Very well

Result

Not that well	Quite well	Very well
11	15	6

5. Working in partnership to deliver outcomes is important to us.

Do you see opportunities for working together towards these outcomes? *



Not particularly



Somewhat



Absolutely

Result

Not particularly	Somewhat	Absolutely
6	10	16



Attachment: Who we received feedback from

- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- Birdlife Australia
- City of Adelaide
- City of Charles Sturt
- City of Holdfast Bay
- City of Marion
- City of Mitcham
- City of Playford
- City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- City of Prospect
- City of Salisbury
- City of Tea Tree Gully
- City of West Torrens
- Coast Protection Board
- Committee for Adelaide
- Community Member - CG
- Community Member -DF
- Community Member – MC
- Community Member – PC
- Community Member - RM
- Conservation Council South Australia
- Department for Education
- Department for Housing and Urban Development
- Department for Infrastructure and Transport
- Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board
- Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority
- Local Government Association South Australia
- Native Vegetation Council
- PIRSA
- Preventative Health SA
- SA Power Networks
- SA Water
- Save West Beach Sand
- Urban Development Institute of Australia (SA)
- Water Sensitive SA

YourSAy survey respondent representing (note that multiple responses were possible. Total responses n=32):

- A local government entity – 4 respondents
- A state government agency – 0 respondents
- A not-for-profit or community organisation – 3 respondents
- An interested community member – 28 respondents
- Other – 4 respondents



Attachment: Summary of pre-consultation qualitative feedback

Vision for the future of urban landscapes, open spaces and waterways of metro Adelaide:

- Diversity and accessibility of high quality open and natural spaces that are appreciated and help support active/healthier South Australians, connected communities as well as ecological health
- Strong local, state and federal partnerships that help shape urban environments where design, open space, and waterways reflect sustainability and conservation, balancing landscape health with current and future growth
- GARP's vision to be realised which includes: equitable access to natural environments; greater respect for, and celebration of aboriginal culture and custodianship; use of sustainable agricultural practices to reduce negative impacts on waterways and ecosystems; and work proactively to avoid, minimise or mitigate climate change impacts through regenerative planning
- Development and nature working better together to create a sustainable, climate-ready city with greener buildings, water-sensitive design, and biodiversity protection. Sustainable design principles to be embedded in all development and infrastructure projects
- Liveability is improved, urban heat is reduced, greening is increased, and biodiversity outcomes are improved through upgrades and new transport infrastructure projects
- More opportunities for greening and rewilding of urban waterways.

Big issues of most concern or highest priority:

- Climate resilience to prepare for hotter and drier climate and extreme storms
- Tree/urban greening challenges:
 - Climate change making it harder to establish young trees and sustain older ones and many street trees are being lost to drought - reduced rainfall, heat, urban infill and increased hard surfaces are also contributing factors
 - Urban tree impacts on sewer networks is increasing
 - Succession planning for green assets needed e.g. strategically replacing mature trees coming towards end of life
 - Lack of available green space and capacity to meet tree canopy targets given not all land is council owned and many street tree planting sites will soon run out – costly engineering solutions may be needed. State Government not proactive in allowing for green space.
 - Lack of understanding about the allocation of risks and costs associated with increasing urban greening
 - Evidence based expansion of the Appropriate Species list for future plantings needed
 - Greening typologies; further guidance for councils on how to prioritise different typologies of public open space noting the different health and environmental benefits of these landscape types.
- Population growth and urban infill and development needs to be balanced with open space conservation and accessibility for community and wellbeing while managing biodiversity and water security impacts.
- Water management, particularly to support greening and funding from government to hold water for e-flows and d-flows
- Expansion of feral animals, pest plants and animal/plant disease risks that will impact agricultural production and natural assets - biosecurity risks to be better understood and mitigated against
- The development of environments that encourage active lifestyles and healthy dietary choices
- Integrating 'planning with country' approaches in the planning process and conducting genuine, meaningful, ongoing engagement with aboriginal groups in an environment of constrained project timeframes
- Identify/support BSUD opportunities and implement WSUD
- Stormwater management is important – on site retention and reuse
- Funding and the future of sand management
- Coastal protection and blue carbon co-ordination



- Bushfire risk management and fuel loads
- Habitat and wildlife initiatives, with an emphasis on private land.

Ways that Green Adelaide could have an impact:

- Investment to assist Councils addressing their issues of concern and continued investment and support of regional partnerships
- Work with councils and other key stakeholders to create co-ordinated and consistent guidelines e.g. for sustainable water use
- Help advocate for additional grant funding assistance from State Government to offset costs associated with upgrades to urban landscapes, open spaces and waterways
- Equitable access to green space to help mitigate environmental stressors, support mental and physical health and promote climate resilience
- Meet obligations under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*
- Actively seek partnerships and collaborate with key stakeholders on issues such as urban greening
- Share data i.e. to help identify and inform urban greening opportunities
- Community, local government and development sector capacity building: continue to educate and engage communities on the importance of urban greening and sustainability and to help foster environmental stewardship; consider hosting local government forums to share knowledge; and help build capacity in the development sector for regenerative development e.g. benefit vs cost demonstrations.
- Accelerate funding, research and development into WSUD and BSUD, facilitate BSUD trials and provide BSUD design standards
- Further investment into water quality, capture, storage and use is essential
- Provide case studies and pilot projects to celebrate local examples of greening, BSUD, and WSUD, sharing they can be done here and done well
- Use its influence to strengthen legislation and policy particularly within the planning system
- Support Caring for Country partnerships with First Nations communities and provide assistance with First Nations engagement
- Support the establishment of a Future Trees Hub
- Work with DEW and Councils on improved biodiversity protection in metro areas under the new Biodiversity Act
- Focus on catchment management for coastal health outcomes
- Help facilitate stronger strategic links e.g. joint board meeting between Green Adelaide, Coast Protection board and Stormwater Management Authority
- Clearer lines between Green Adelaide and planning would be useful e.g. formal referrals.
- Support improvements to iconic sites such as Mt Osmond. Great potential to improve this site (and others like it) which is currently infested by woody and herbaceous weeds.

Actions that would help achieve transformative change in managing metro Adelaide's environment:

- Integrated green infrastructure planning – embed green assets into all levels of urban planning
- Data sharing and data driven decision making
- Workforce capacity building e.g. working with universities to embed practical sustainable practices into planning, design, engineering and environmental management related curriculums
- Programs in schools and community partnerships with schools to embed sustainability principles from an early age
- More education for private landholder responsibilities e.g. water, weeds and tree canopy and have more easily navigable resources for homeowners
- A focus on equity and inclusion for all South Australians
- Integrating nature-based solutions
- Engaging local communities in decision making to align environmental management with community needs and expectations



- Prioritise partnerships outside the boundaries of Green Adelaide to deliver programs that benefit the community, environment and primary industries e.g. large-scale control programs for pests such as feral deer that are consistent with statewide ambitions
- Collaboration on vegetation management e.g. suitable planting under powerlines and appropriate species selection
- Promote best practice examples and lead large scale demonstration projects
- Invest in stormwater harvesting infrastructure to aid water supply
- RLP sets strong priorities, but faster progress needs stronger policy and funding
- Co-ordinate leadership networks and facilitate better co-ordination across council areas - establish communities of practice
- Protection of high priority biodiversity in metro Adelaide
- Design standards could be improved with targets e.g. tree canopy
- Future updates to GARP could include greening activities
- Biodiversity mapping would be useful to help prioritise.

Other matters raised by stakeholders:

- The RLP provides a great opportunity to prioritise fostering strong inter-governmental collaboration including active partnerships with local councils, state agencies and community organisations
- Impact at the local level requires funding to support advancement and achievement of state-based targets
- There should be consistency between the RLP and other regional strategies and plans such as GARP, the UGS and the Greater Adelaide Open Space Strategy so that at the local level, regional priorities are clear and consistent
- Tree canopy targets a coarse measure and not appropriate for some areas that were not originally treed and have the wrong soil types for urban canopy
- Stop the direction of levy funds towards Adelaide Beach Management – levy funding should be prioritised to projects that align with the RLP. This should be funded from other State Government sources
- All goals should be strengthened to have a climate resilience focus.



For further information:

Green Adelaide
81-95 Waymouth St
Adelaide SA 5000

(08) 7424 5760

dew.greenadelaide@sa.gov.au

greenadelaide.sa.gov.au
 **@GreenAdelaide**

 **@GreenAdelaideSA**

 **@GreenAdelaideSA**

#GreenAdelaide



With the exception of the Piping Shrike emblem, and other material or devices protected by Aboriginal rights or a trademark, and subject to review by the Government of South Australia at all times, the content of this document is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence. All other rights are reserved.

Disclaimer: The Green Adelaide Board and the Government of South Australia, their employees and their servants do not warrant or make any representation regarding the use or results of use of the information contained herein as to its correctness, accuracy, currency or otherwise. The Green Adelaide Board and the Government of South Australia, their employees and their servants expressly disclaim all liability or responsibility to any person using the information or advice contained herein.

© Crown in right of the State of South Australia

**GREEN
ADELAIDE**