

Draft Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Plan 2026–31

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Hills and Fleurieu Regional Landscape Plan?

The Regional Landscape Plan is the five-year strategic plan for the **whole region**. It sets shared priorities for caring for land, water, nature, and building climate and community stewardship. It is not a plan for the Board alone - it reflects the combined efforts and responsibilities of many partners across the Hills and Fleurieu.

2. Why has the plan been updated?

Regional Landscape Plans are reviewed and updated every five years. The new draft responds to changes in our region, the results of the 2021-26 plan, emerging environmental pressures and more than **770 ideas gathered through the 2025 Landscape Conversations** with community, partners and stakeholders.

3. Who is involved in delivering the plan?

Many organisations and individuals contribute to landscape management. The draft plan identifies shared roles for councils, state government agencies, industry, community groups, NGOs, First Nations partners, research organisations and both private and public land managers. The plan provides a **common direction for working together**.

4. What are the main priorities in the draft plan?

The draft focuses on five priorities shaped by community input:

- **Community** - Everyone caring for our landscapes
- **Climate** - A net-zero, climate-resilient region
- **Land** – Healthy, productive land supporting people, industry and nature
- **Water** - Sustainable water management and healthy waterways
- **Nature** - Protecting and restoring native ecosystems and wildlife

5. Why are you asking for public feedback?

This draft reflects the ideas and values shared during earlier engagement. Now we want to check that we've represented your priorities accurately and clearly. Your feedback will help us refine the plan before it is finalised and adopted.

6. Which parts of the plan can I comment on?

You can comment on **any or all** sections - the five priorities, case studies, regional issues, or the detailed tables of objectives, strategies, actions and partner roles. You can focus on the areas of the plan most relevant to you or provide general feedback.

7. How do I provide feedback?

All feedback can be submitted through this page. You can:

- read the draft plan
- complete the survey at the link provided
- email a written submission to hf.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au
- or comment on specific parts of the plan in the survey or by email.

Separate, in-person engagement will be held with First Nations partners following their preferred ways of working.

8. How will my feedback be used?

All submissions will be reviewed by the Landscape Board. Feedback will help:

- refine actions
- improve clarity
- confirm partner roles
- and strengthen alignment with community expectations and regional needs.

A summary of community feedback and the changes made will be published after consultation.

9. What happens after consultation closes?

The Board will refine the plan based on feedback and prepare a final version for Ministerial approval. All SA landscape regions are required to submit their plans as a package in **April 2026**. The final Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Plan 2026-31 is expected to be adopted in **mid-2026**.

10. Where can I find more information?

You can download the full draft plan, read background documents and stay updated on the consultation process at:

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/landscapeplanconsultation>