

## Hon David Speirs MP Minister for Environment and Water

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### **Join us to create a cooler, greener, wilder Adelaide**

South Australians are being encouraged to have their say on how to create a cooler, greener and climate-resilient metropolitan Adelaide with Green Adelaide's draft five-year plan out for consultation.

Green Adelaide is part of the Marshall Liberal Government's historic Landscape SA reform and is focussed on increased efforts to green and cool our backyards, streets, neighbourhoods and create better open space for everyone.

The draft five-year plan for public feedback looks to manage the impacts of Adelaide's urban densification, climate change and loss of natural habitat.

Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said the strategic plan sets Adelaide on the pathway to become a cooler, greener and more liveable city.

"For the first time metropolitan Adelaide has a body sharply focussed on making progress towards a climate-resilient and ecologically vibrant city," Minister Speirs said.

"Green Adelaide is responsible for the greening of metropolitan Adelaide, recognising the environmental challenges faced by a large capital city and exploring the opportunities to improve our sustainability.

"Green Adelaide's leadership and partnerships with councils, government, industry, environmental NGOs, Kurna and communities will be essential in the global challenge to recreate cities as places that people and nature can thrive in."

Presiding Member of the Green Adelaide Board Professor Chris Daniels said the recent world and local events, including bushfires and coronavirus, have focused the attention of our community on the nature of our city like never before.

"Green Adelaide is focused on seven key priorities for Adelaide to create a nature-friendly city that supports the health and wellbeing of people and the urban environment," Professor Daniels said.

"I invite you to collaborate with us and provide your feedback on the plan and your ideas for projects.

"This strategy is not only for Green Adelaide, and we welcome our partners and community to join with us to create a cooler, greener, wilder and climate-resilient Adelaide to live, work, visit and enjoy."

You can read the draft plan and provide your thoughts at [yoursay.sa.gov.au/green-adelaide-plan](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/green-adelaide-plan).

Feedback workshops will be held over the six-week engagement. Consultation will close at 5pm on Tuesday, 20 April 2021. Feedback will also inform Green Adelaide's 2021-2022 business plan to identify projects and programs to be funded.