



## Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

### INTRODUCING REECE SVETEC

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Earlier this year, the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Wendy Campana, identified the need for a Management Plan for Housing on KI, to address the current and future housing needs on the island.

The aim of this Plan is to clarify the demographics of those in need of 'affordable housing'; to consider the type of housing required by workers for the developments underway or proposed in the near future; to consider the challenges in housing affordability such as finance, costs of building on the island, the impact of freight, and contractor pricing on-island compared with mainland pricing.

A university under-graduate, Reece Svetec, has been engaged to work on this project, for a period of 12 weeks. Reece will work with key stakeholders on KI and in Adelaide to prepare a report on affordable housing, with the goal of delivering recommendations on what measures need to be taken to increase/improve housing affordability on the island. Reece has completed his third year of a four year Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Hons.) at the University of South Australia.

As he comes from a small country town called Mallala in the mid-north, Reece has already taken an interest in urban and regional planning, growing up within a population of 800 people and with a strong farming and community culture background. He has seen rapid growth and changes in country towns first hand, as well as identifying the hardships frequently experienced in such areas.

"I felt that studying urban and regional planning would provide me the opportunity to shape how communities function and create desirable outcomes for residents, visitors and business owners alike," Reece said.

Wendy Campana welcomed Reece to her team, and looks forward to introducing him to stakeholders on the island.

"Reece will spend part of his 12 weeks on the island, talking to interested parties about this project," Wendy said.

"He comes with an excellent track record and resume, and coming from a small community himself, he understands the challenges often faced in remote locations."



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Reece Svetec picture in front of the Commissioner's office in Kingscote