

Media Release

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Draft Housing Management Plan for Housing on Kangaroo Island Released for Consultation and Members of Local Advisory Board for Housing Announced

On Tuesday 14 June, the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Rau MP, with the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Ms Wendy Campana, launched the Draft Management Plan for Housing on Kangaroo Island at a Community Information Session in Kingscote.

The Commissioner, under the *Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act* is responsible for the coordination of government service delivery and provision of infrastructure, and can establish Local Advisory Boards and develop Management Plans to assist her in carrying out this function.

With the over \$171m of developments occurring on the Island and the expectation of over 300 jobs created in the coming years the issue of housing was on the radar of the Kangaroo Island Futures Authority (KIFA) and is now being addressed by the Commissioner.

“Funding was provided by KIFA for the development of a Community Housing Strategy for the Island, which addressed key issues around community housing needs. With an expected growth in temporary and short-term employees on the Island associated to developments, and an increasing Island population, it is timely to consider our needs now and into the future”, said Ms Campana.

In announcing the Advisory Board Members and the release of the Draft Management Plan for consultation, the Deputy Premier said “the Act was established to provide a structured discussion on issues of importance to the Island. The Draft Management Plan will receive feedback and the Commissioner will, with the Advisory Board, consider any suggested alterations for the final Plan. If amended, the management plan will again require the Governor’s approval. The management plan is an innovative approach and I look forward to observing how this process assists government decision making”.

The Advisory Board comprises members from state and local government, community housing service providers operating on the Island along with a community representative. The role of the Board is to:

- Provide advice to the Commissioner on the Draft Management Plan, following approval by the Governor.

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- Consider and provide feedback on written representations on the Draft Management Plan made.
- Provide advice to the Commissioner, on any matters relating to housing including current and future housing needs, and the delivery of services on Kangaroo Island.
- Be available for consultation on issues referred to the Board during the implementation of proposals included in the Draft Management Plan.
- Provide advice on any other housing matters referred to the Board by the Commissioner.

Members of the Advisory Board include:

- **Ms Danielle Bament**, Department of Communities and Social Inclusion
- **Mr Andrew Boardman**, Kangaroo Island Council
- **Mr Graham Brown**, Junction Australia
- **Ms Soula Dagas**, Community Living Australia
- **Ms Bec Davis**, Kangaroo Island Community Housing Association Inc
- **Ms Meredith Harriss**, Kangaroo Island Health Services
- **Mr Ian Kent**, Kangaroo Island Community Education (representing Department for Education and Child Development)
- **Dr Chris Lease**, Department of Health and Ageing
- **Ms Maria Palumbo**, Renewal SA
- **Mr Colin Taylor**, Public Nominee
- **Ms Margaret Watson-England**, Community Living Options

The objectives outlined in the Draft Management Plan are:

- To provide a strategy for an integrated, resourced, collaborative approach to ensure housing, land and other resources are fully utilised to better meet the current and future housing needs of the Kangaroo Island community.
- To ensure that government services are delivered to those with the highest needs.
- To ensure that both housing infrastructure and any associated social services are delivered with an integrated approach to meet the current and future needs of the community.

Proposals in the Draft Plan address mapping current and future needs, exploring solutions or models of affordable housing and to support those with special needs.

To provide feedback on the Draft Management Plan for Housing on Kangaroo Island, or for more information on the Local Advisory Board for Housing please visit the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island's website www.kangarooislandcommissioner.sa.gov.au or contact the Community and Government Liaison Officer, Cate Stanford on (08) 7109 7106 or Cate.Stanford@sa.gov.au.