What's new in the Primary Production zone?
- An expanded Primary Production zone including what was previously the Watershed Protection (Mount Lofty Ranges) zone, and the introduction of four new policy areas.

Refer Fact Sheets 4-7 for more detail on the policy areas.
- New guidelines for boundary realignments to encourage the consolidation of large viable rural allotments.
- More flexible and responsive policy to encourage new rural ventures.
- New policies encouraging diversification, farm-gate sales, value-adding such as processing on site, and tourism outcomes.

What is the zone’s purpose?
- The establishment and long term continuation of productive, sustainable primary production.
- The maintenance of allotment sizes and shapes that allow for continuing primary production.
- Protection of the existing scenic qualities of the landscape and the conservation of remnant native vegetation.

What will the zone look like?
- A productive farming landscape which also provides for established residential uses.
- A wide variety of farming and associated ventures, with value-adding encouraged in order to stimulate the rural economy.
- Small-scale tourism development associated with rural activities, providing unique visitor experiences in the southern Mount Lofty Ranges.
- New buildings and structures sited and designed to reduce their visibility, and maximize energy efficiency.
- Larger viable allotments will be maintained and boundary realignments will be considered where the size and shape of allotments increases the productive potential of the land.

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Turn over the page for a map of the zone.
What’s new in the Conservation Zone?
An expanded Conservation Zone incorporating:
- Jupiter Creek Gold Diggings
- Kuitpo native forests and woodlands
- Emerald Quarry immediately north of Mount Barker Summit
- Mount Bold native forests
- Stone Reserve, Meadows
- Survey Hill Reserve, Prospect Hill
- Stringybark Reserve, Jupiter Creek
- Yantaringa Reserve, Hahndorf

These are in addition to two existing Conservation zones at Totness and Mount Barker Summit.

What is the zone’s purpose?
- the protection of rare and significant remnant vegetation and habitats
- to prevent development which would endanger vegetation and habitat
- to provide opportunities for visitors to experience and appreciate valuable native vegetation and habitats
- to allow for low-impact recreational activities and interpretative facilities associated with conservation goals.

What will the zone look like?
- the zone is in ten different locations and will have additional protection against inappropriate activities
- development will be limited to activities and structures which support the conservation and better understanding of native flora and fauna
- buildings and structures will use natural materials and colours and will take design cues from the natural landscape.

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Conservation Zone
What’s new in the Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed Area?

- previously a zone, the Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed Area is now an overlay
- an overlay is a map showing the extent of an area subject to specific policies, cutting across zones
- this means that the policy applying to the Watershed Area is now in the General section at the front of the Development Plan
- previous policies were extremely restrictive. They have been amended to allow for much greater flexibility and responsiveness to market-driven changes in demand for rural produce.

What is the overlay’s purpose?

- the continuing protection of the water catchment providing safe drinking water for Adelaide
- preventing development which is likely to pollute surface and underground water supplies
- the protection of extensive areas of native and remnant native vegetation to safeguard their role in recharging aquifers and filtering pollutants
- to balance the protection of water supplies and quality with the on-going viability of the rural economy. As a result, small-scale tourism and visitor facilities and activities associated with primary production will be encouraged.

What will the overlay area look like?

- the maintenance of water quality and prevention of pollution is a high priority
- the area occupies much of the western part of the district and contains substantial native vegetation and a rich landscape made up of grazing, cropping, horse-keeping, orchards and vineyards
- watercourses will be protected from further degradation, and native vegetation preserved and reinstated
- low intensity farming activities which minimise environmental impacts will be encouraged as this land is amongst the most productive in the state
- in an effort to ensure the economic viability of primary production, small-scale value-adding in the form of farm-gate sales, processing of produce, cellar-door sales and restaurants showcasing quality local produce will be encouraged.

“Have your say about the Mt Lofty Ranges Watershed Area Overlay”

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Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed Overlay Area
What’s new in Policy Area 23?

- the policy area is new and is based on the drier, eastern half of the district which has a distinct open landscape studded with mature remnant eucalypts
- policies encouraging a wide range of broad-acre cropping and grazing suited to the drier climate and shallower soils, in addition to activities such as intensive animal keeping (sited at least 500m from dwellings) which does not depend on fertile soils and reliable rainfall
- policies encouraging the use of treated wastewater piped to the Hillgrove Mine at Kanmantoo, for irrigated horticulture.

What is the policy area’s purpose?

- to encourage a wide range of farming enterprises suited to the climate and soils
- to identify opportunities for non soil-based intensive animal-keeping and land-based aquaculture
- the maintenance of the open rural landscape and retention of mature eucalypts
- to ensure the on-going viability of the Hillgrove Mine at Kanmantoo, a major local employer, by avoiding more sensitive uses nearby.

What will the policy area look like?

- high landscape quality will be maintained with the retention of existing remnant eucalypts
- broad-acre farming enterprises across the landscape with low environmental impacts
- a landscape in which buildings are sited and designed to blend with the rural backdrop and minimise visual impacts
- pockets of more intensive farming in unobtrusive locations
- the Hillgrove Mine will be an important contributor to the local Kanmantoo economy.

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New Policy Areas
No 23: Broad-acre Policy Area

Drier, rugged topography, numerous scattered eucalypts, grazing and some cropping, and the Hillgrove mine. Opportunities for intensive non-soil based enterprises and irrigated horticulture using treated wastewater.
What’s new in Policy Area 24?

- The policy area is new and is based on Hahndorf’s hinterland. The policy area recognizes that this part of the district has a different character, with a much higher proportion of small occupied allotments, hobby farms, and high scenic value.
- Policies that will encourage diversification in the local economy, focusing on value-adding and attracting visitors.

What is the policy area’s purpose?

- To acknowledge the different geographic characteristics of this part of the district, and its agricultural potential.
- To encourage the production of high-value produce, and visitor experiences, unique to the locality.
- To establish innovative ventures related to primary production including farm-gate sales, cellar doors and cafes, galleries, markets and produce trails.
- The creation of a network of small-scale tourism ventures and accommodation which showcase local produce, art and sculpture.
- The retention of high-quality cultural landscapes and panoramic views over the Mount Lofty Ranges.

What will the policy area look like?

- A high-quality landscape characterised by a wide variety of small volume/high value farming and associated ventures.
- A landscape which strikes a balance between a high quality living environment and rural productivity.
- The retention of existing primary production and associated processing such as the vineyards north and east of Hahndorf, and the Beerenberg Farms and factory.
- Small-scale tourist accommodation and visitor experiences which build on the high-quality produce and landscapes of the area.

“Have your say about Policy Area 24”

Turn over the page for a map of the policy area.

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Wetter, fertile, small allotments, steep topography, high scenic value and visitor appeal. Opportunities for tourism, value-adding to local produce and diversification such as gourmet retreats, cafes and cellar doors.

New Policy Areas
No 24: Hahndorf Rural Activity Policy Area

Wetter, fertile, small allotments, steep topography, high scenic value and visitor appeal. Opportunities for tourism, value-adding to local produce and diversification such as gourmet retreats, cafes and cellar doors.
What’s new in Policy Area 25?

- the policy area is new and is based on the flatter, wetter, more fertile western parts of the district
- policies will promote diversification and value-adding in the rural economy whilst protecting the high scenic qualities of the area.

What is the policy area’s purpose?

- acknowledge the different geographic characteristics of this part of the district, and its considerable agricultural potential
- to ensure the on-going viability of productive farmland by limiting land division and preventing development which would jeopardise genuine primary production
- to ensure the retention of remnant native vegetation and high quality landscapes
- stimulation of the rural economy through diversification and value-adding and the attraction of visitors and tourists.

What will the policy area look like?

- a rich cultural landscape supporting a wide variety of farming enterprises
- a variety of on-farm value-adding enterprises including processing, farm-gate sales and tourist accommodation and farm experiences promoting a strong regional identity
- a landscape in which buildings are well designed and sited so as to blend with the rural backdrop and appear secondary to the natural landscape
- small-scale agricultural and home-based industries based on farming, arts and crafts and heritage
- extensive areas of remnant native vegetation interspersed with cropping and pasture.

“Have your say about Policy Area 25”


Turn over the page for a map of the policy area.
New Policy Areas
No 25: Prime Agriculture Policy Area

High, reliable rainfall, fertile soils, undulating to flat topography and remnant eucalypts resulting in high scenic value. Opportunities for a wide variety of farming enterprises, value-adding and increased visitor numbers.
What’s new in Policy Area 26?

• the policy area is new and is based on the higher, steep wooded ridges running north-south through the district, and north and east of Macclesfield

• policies will promote the preservation of the rural and natural character and biodiversity of the area and encourage passive recreational activities which take advantage of the high scientific and environmental qualities.

What is the policy area’s purpose?

• to acknowledge the different geographic characteristics of this part of the district, and its reduced agricultural potential but high environmental and scenic value

• the retention of grazing, and horticulture in suitable locations, providing landscape contrast to the wooded hill tops and ridges

• to ensure the retention of remnant native vegetation and biodiversity, and high quality landscapes and distant views

• the design and siting of buildings and structures which blend with and compliment the natural and rural backdrop.

What will the policy area look like?

• a high quality landscape of rugged wooded hilltops and ridges, contrasting with rich grazing country studded with remnant eucalypts

• a landscape which attracts visitors for passive recreation, taking advantage of remnant native vegetation and high biodiversity, and panoramic views over the district

• a place for conservation-related activities to ensure the preservation and enhancement of high biodiversity values

• a landscape in which buildings are well designed and sited so as to blend with the rural backdrop and appear secondary to the natural landscape.

“Have your say about Policy Area 26”

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New Policy Areas
No 26: Rural Landscape Protection Policy Area

High, steep wooded ridges, narrow tree-lined roads and distant views, grazing, landscape contrast and high scenic value. The protection of native vegetation, biodiversity and scenic value will encourage increased numbers of visitors and contribute to the rural economy.
Four New Policy Areas

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