

Media Release



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Consultation set to open on draft Regional Public Health Plan

Residents are being invited to have their say on a draft plan to protect and improve health and wellbeing across the Southern and Hills region.

The draft plan for 2022-27 was prepared by the six constituent councils of the Southern and Hills Local Government Association (S&HLGA), including the Councils of Adelaide Hills, Alexandrina, Kangaroo Island, Mount Barker, Yankalilla and Victor Harbor.

Southern and Hills LGA President Mayor Keith Parkes said that the draft Plan responds to a fresh assessment of the population health and risks across the region.

While acknowledging that communities are facing some public health challenges, such as the increased prevalence of mental health issues, Mayor Parkes says the draft Plan focuses on “promoting the many community assets we have in our region to tackle these, like growing the role our beautiful parks and beaches play in supporting people’s wellbeing”.

Adelaide Hills Council Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom said that the draft plan proposes key directions for the six Councils to work towards together over the next five years, including promoting mental wellbeing, building awareness about the health risks of climate change, and supporting children to develop healthy behaviours early in life.

“We are inviting all community members to tell us what they think of the draft plan, to ensure we are focusing on the public health issues that they think are most important for our region.”

The S&HLGA and its Constituent Councils invite residents and local organisations to provide feedback on the draft plan from Wednesday 6 July to Friday 29 July 2022.

To view the draft plan and provide feedback visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/draft-rphp during the consultation period. To request a printed copy of the draft plan and feedback form, contact the Adelaide Hills Council on 8408 0400 or email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au.

Following the consultation, the six Councils will use the feedback received to finalise the plan. It is anticipated that the plan will come into operation by October 2022.

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