

# South Australian Boating Strategic Plan

## Planning for Better Boating

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is developing a Strategic Plan to boost boating participation, guide investment in maritime infrastructure and improve the boating experience across the State.

The *South Australian Boating Strategic Plan* will focus on the State's four key geographic regions with high levels of boating activity; namely, the Central, Western, South Eastern and Murray regions. Within each region, priority projects will be identified which improve safety and access to the waterways, enhance destinations for boaters and maximise benefits for the boating and broader community.

The Plan will introduce a new approach to infrastructure planning and investment and will be informed by an extensive consultation process, involving feedback from key stakeholders and the local community. The plans will guide future infrastructure investment decisions over the next five years, particularly for funds from the boating infrastructure levy, to which most boaters contribute.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has engaged the Boating Industry Association (BIA) to assist in developing the Plan and engaging with stakeholders.

## Why are we doing this?

Adopting a strategic approach will enable a long term cohesive view of statewide priorities to be developed.

We aim to make it easier for councils and other potential project partners to access funds for eligible projects by reducing red tape and identifying priority projects. At the same time the plans we are drafting will make it easier for Councils, organisations and other new project partners to work collaboratively to improve South Australia's Boating Future.

As boat ownership and participation in boating continues growing over the next five years, the DPTI will continue its commitment to ensuring that the needs of boat users are being met.



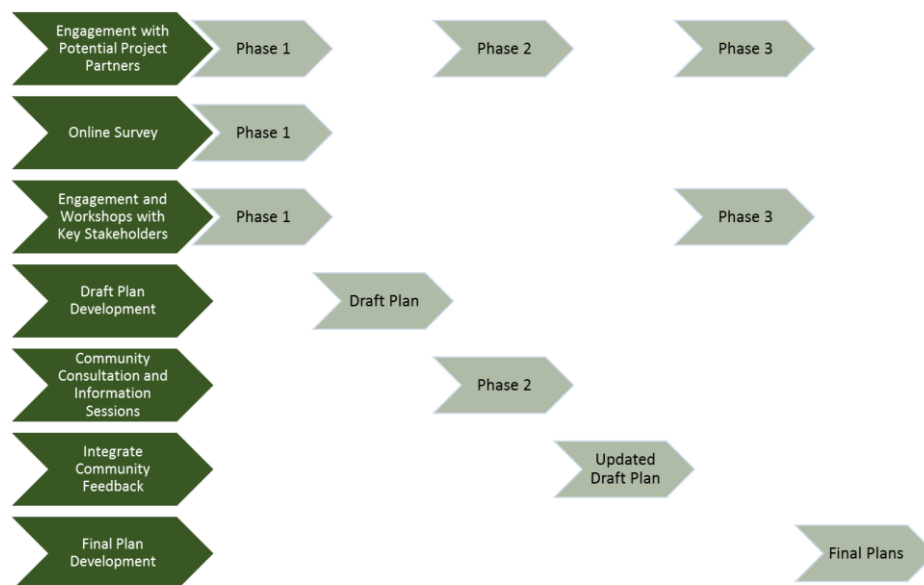
Figure 1: The four studies areas which will form the focus of the Strategic Plans.

By engaging with boat users, councils and the boating and wider community, we are collecting information on what works and what doesn't, so we can develop plans that will improve South Australia's Boating Future and support our goals of increased efficiency, safety and innovation.

### When is this happening?

Boaters, local government and the wider community are being asked to get involved in two phases of engagement. Firstly, there will be opportunities to contribute local information on the current state of boating infrastructure and new ideas, then secondly community forums to comment on draft plans. Below you can see a more detailed timeline of when activities will be occurring.

### Project Plan



### How can you get involved?

Working closely with councils and getting feedback from as many stakeholders as possible are critical aspects of this engagement.

An online survey has been set up so that you can provide feedback about boating and the boating facilities in your region. To complete the survey, go to:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/saboatingfuture](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/saboatingfuture)

You can also provide feedback or contact the project team via phone, email or post.

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