Practitioner testing of Phase 1 Code operation

To support the release of the first iteration of the Planning and Design Code (the Code), the department has been testing 'real life' development applications. The purpose for the testing is to identify any required changes that can improve how the new instruments will work.

We are keen to have external practitioners also test the operation of the Code. Please be aware this testing is currently being undertaken 'long-hand', without the full benefit of the ePlanning solutions that will make accessing the Code easier from late 2019.

Instructions – how to help test the Phase 1 Code operation

1. Have the Draft Code onscreen, along with the PDI Act 2016 and (draft) PDI Regulations.

2. Think about a DA you have recently completed (or are working on at the moment). Then imagine that DA has been lodged in the Outback and you are a planner working for the State Government and about to undertake the assessment.

3. When selecting the "subject land" please feel free to use any fixed address in the Outback.

4. Open the **Code Testing Template** (Attachment 1 – simple excel spreadsheet). Instructions on how to use the Code Testing Template can be found below. Please complete the testing for each "generic land use" provided in the Code Testing Template, in a variety of zones, before moving on to other land uses of your choosing.

5. Provide any feedback regarding your testing to Jason Cattonar at: Jason.Cattonar@sa.gov.au

6. You will note that the Code Testing Template is designed to capture the statutory process determined through the Act, Regulations and Code, together with identifying what policy is "called-up" for a specific land use by the Code. The Code Testing Template is not intended to capture comments in regard to good, bad or indifferent policy. Commentary about the policy content is to be recorded using the specific template provided as part of the formal draft Outback Code consultation process, here: yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/planning-code-outback/about

Please note that the draft Outback Code does not contain all policy required across the State. Policy regarding matters commonly found in metropolitan areas, for example significant trees, does not form part of the draft Outback Code.

Instructions for using the Code Testing Template

Generic Land Use	Record the 'generic' land use that will be tested.
Definition	Is the generic land use defined Y/N? Is there another definition in the Regs or Code that may impact the assessment of the 'generic' land use Y/N – if Y, what?
Classification (Assessment Pathway)	What assessment pathway will the generic land use be processed through? Would the assessment pathway be different if particular details of the generic land use were revealed i.e. building height, setbacks etc.
Referrals	Are any referrals required Y/N? if Y, to what agencies. Is the referral 'trigger' easy to interpret Y/N?
Timeframe	What is the prescribed assessment timeframe?
Relevant Authority/ies	Who is the relevant authority? Can the applicant select a relevant authority Y/N?
Public Notification	Is public notification required Y/N? If Y, to what extent?
Zone	What Zone is the generic land use being prescribed?
Zone Policies	Does the Zone automatically assign policies to the land use Y/N? Are the policies relevant Y/N? If N, please provide detail. If you think there are policies missing, detail them.
Overlays	Do any Overlays apply Y/N? If Y which ones?
Overlay Policies	Do the Overlays automatically assign policies to the land use Y/N? Are the policies relevant Y/N? If N, please provide detail. If you think there are policies missing, detail them.
General Modules	What General Modules apply to the development?
General Module Policies	What General Module policies apply to the development?