

ALBANY LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY

COMMUNITY UPDATE
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PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE

The purpose of this update is to provide information about the status of the review into the Albany Local Planning Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The City of Albany has commenced a review of the Albany Local Planning Strategy. The Strategy has guided planning and development in Albany since 2010. A review of the Strategy is required every five years by the State Government.

The City intends to produce a contemporary Strategy that is short and concise and provides a clear direction for the future growth of the City.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The City will engage with the community during a consultation period expected to last several months. This consultation period will allow all residents to have a say in the future growth of the City.

The outcomes of the community consultation will be taken into consideration in producing a draft Strategy. The consultation period is expected to occur during 2015.

ENDORSEMENT

The Strategy needs to be endorsed by Albany City Council and the West Australian Planning Commission. The process under which the Commission endorses the Strategy is set out under legislation.

This process can be lengthy, but it is expected the Strategy will be endorsed in 2016.

WHAT IS A LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY?

A Local Planning Strategy provides direction for the growth of the City over the long term (10 years). It sets out where new residential areas will be developed together with open spaces for recreation, retail, commercial and industrial areas. It also makes sure that our environment is protected.

SO FAR

The City has established a reference group which consists of people with technical expertise within the City and State Government. The Reference Group will develop a set of background papers which will inform the Strategy. These papers will investigate:

- Economic growth.
- Population, housing and settlement.
- Our natural environment.
- Our community.
- Infrastructure and services.



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