

# SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S DRAFT TRANSPORT PLAN**

At our February meeting we had an overview of the South Australian Transport Planning process, and the objectives of that plan. In short there were '7 Challenges for Transport' –

1. Social access and equity
2. Tourism, business and freight transport
3. Transport safety and security
4. Preserving the environment coupled with a promoting a healthier SA
5. Public Transport
6. Asset sustainment (keep it working)
7. Smarter spending and policy integration

This was broken across the above into

- Regulatory actions
- Infrastructure actions
- System management actions

The overall objectives and indeed to process adopted seemed to have a lot of potential to get the transport agenda in this state sorted into a cohesive, logical and beneficial policy framework that embraces all transport regardless of ownership or mode.

Yesterday (1<sup>st</sup> May) the draft plan was released for comment

It is accessible on the web at [http://www.d tup.sa.gov.au/transport\\_plan/index.html](http://www.d tup.sa.gov.au/transport_plan/index.html) in several different versions ranging from the text only version (270 Kb) to a full representation of the 'pretty' version at several Mb. There is an enquiry number 1 800 020 999 which is probably the best access point for those members who do not have access to e-mail

Three months have been allowed for comment and it is expected that community and individual responses will have a significant impact on the final outcome. It is important that the rail industry and rail community make their views known to the authors of the Plan so that it is able to fairly represent a balanced view. RTSA members are asked to have a look at the plan and forward their comments to the State Transport Planners in the next three months. The RTSA SA Newsletter would like to carry short views about the plan in the next two editions in order to get the thinking processes working and in the interests of giving readers a strong base from which to formulate their own responses - send contributions to [samrom@bigpond.com](mailto:samrom@bigpond.com) or Box 56, Cherryville, SA, 5134.

The text only Draft Plan (270 Kb) is attached for e-mail recipients. Unfortunately the 67 pages are a bit too much to reproduce for snail mail, so those members are referred to the enquiry number above.

**MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN**