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Update on Council's Progress regarding:

- *Draft Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Nairne & Littlehampton;*
- *Future Infrastructure Provision and;*
- *Important Planning Initiatives*

The Minister for the Department of Planning and Local Government, John Rau recently confirmed that there will be no 'winding back' of the State Government decision to rezone a large area of land in Mount Barker and Nairne in 2010.

The draft Structure Plan was submitted to the State Government in early July this year and is being revised following State Government feedback. It is anticipated that the State Government will undertake a public consultation process for this in early 2012.

Council has been working on a number of different levels to continue to progress key infrastructure and related planning issues with a view to securing the best outcome for the community. Examples of work being progressed to date includes:

Continued discussions with State Government

Advocating for community outcomes sooner rather than later from the State Government for areas such as:

- Bringing forward key transport infrastructure such as the provision of the first additional Park 'n' Ride facility for Mount Barker;
- Seeking additional funds to pursue more recreational facilities for the community;
- Access to State Government land to meet future educational and employment needs.

Preparation of Master Plans

Master Plans will be prepared for the townships of Mount Barker and Nairne. The Master Plans will provide more detail for desired spatial outcomes such as the preferred locations for significant stormwater and recreational facilities. Council will be engaging the community in the preparation of these plans.

Progress on Key Infrastructure Issues

- SA Water has commenced an Expression of Interest process for the provision of wastewater and potable water. This includes a community engagement component.
- Work is continuing on a number of traffic and stormwater issues resulting from the Ministerial DPA.

Related Planning Initiatives

A number of related initiatives are also being undertaken, separate to the work outlined above, but with important outcomes that will also contribute to how the community is shaped in the future. These include:

- [The Mount Barker Town Centre Strategy](#)
- Community Plan;
- Updated Recreation Plan; and
- Open Space Strategy

Progress of the issues relating to the development of the newly rezoned area will take time as there are a lot of complex issues to work through, however Council is committed to ensuring the best possible outcome for the community as well as keeping the community informed about the progress and where possible, seek input about the needs and desires that will help shape the community as we continue to grow.