



FACT SHEET

Disposal of surplus government land

The Government of South Australia is a major land holder in the state. Its significant portfolio of land assets – including schools and health facilities – is regularly reviewed as part of the efficient delivery of services to the South Australian community.

Management of government land

Government land is usually held in the name of the relevant Minister. For example, the Minister for Education is the owner of public school sites. Each government department is required to regularly review its land holdings to determine whether the land is being fully used in a sustainable way to achieve government objectives.

Government land is sometimes found to be surplus to requirements. For example, a new school or health centre might need to be built on a different site from existing facilities due to changing community needs. This then results in existing facilities and sites no longer being required.

Disposal of surplus government land on behalf of state government departments and agencies is one of the principal activities of Renewal SA. Renewal SA manages a significant portfolio of land assets within a commercial framework on behalf of the state government.

Disposal process

Renewal SA is instructed by, and works with, other departments to dispose of any government land that has been declared surplus. The process to sell surplus government land is set out in a document known as Premier and Cabinet Circular 114 (PCC 114). More information on PCC 114 is available from www.premcab.sa.gov.au (look under Publications listings).

Not all government departments are required to use Renewal SA for disposal of their surplus land. Under PCC 114, the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Housing SA are exempt as they have in-house expertise to perform this function themselves.

Under PCC 114, a surplus site is first offered to state and local government authorities which can purchase the land at current market value.



If there is no interest shown by state or local government, the surplus site is then offered for sale on the open market. When released to the market, sites are generally advertised on the appointed agent's website, in local print media and on the Renewal SA website at www.renewalsa.sa.gov.au.

Interested parties can contact the appointed agent to express interest, receive more information about the site and participate in the sale process.

Once a surplus site is sold – either to another government agency, a local council or a private purchaser – any future development is subject to the usual state and local government development assessment processes.

Under PCC 114, Renewal SA does not decide which government land is made surplus and it has no role in approving planned development on any site that is sold to a government agency, council or private purchaser.

However, prior to releasing a site with development potential to the market, Renewal SA consults with the relevant local government authority and, if appropriate, community to establish broad design guidelines. This proactive approach ensures that the final development undertaken by the purchaser delivers the best possible outcome.

Where to find more information

Renewal SA cannot publicly release details of sale negotiations while they are still in progress.

However, information about surplus land for sale is available on the Renewal SA website at: www.renewalsa.sa.gov.au



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