



PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN 2020 – 2025

FACT SHEET

The Public Health Plan

The South Australian Public Health Act 2011 requires all Councils in the State to develop a Public Health Plan. At the City of Charles Sturt, we have drafted our second Public Health Plan and are currently seeking your feedback.

To have your say

- View and download the Fact Sheet from yoursaycharlessturt.com.au
- View and download the Draft Public Health Plan from yoursaycharlessturt.com.au
- View the Draft Public Health Plan at the Civic Centre, 72 Woodville Road, Woodville, from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.
- View the Draft Public Health Plan at any of Council's five libraries.

How can I comment on the Draft Public Health Plan?

Comments on the Draft Public Health Plan may be submitted in one of three ways:

- Online by completing the 'Written Submission' section at yoursaycharlessturt.com.au
- Email dscuteri@charlessturt.sa.gov.au and clearly mark as 'Draft Public Health Plan – Submission' or
- Post to Dani Scuteri, Project Officer, Public Health and Safety, City of Charles Sturt, PO Box 1, Woodville SA 5011 and clearly mark as 'Draft Public Health Plan - Submission'.

Submissions must be received by 5pm, Monday 24 August 2020.



What is Public Health?

The South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (the Act) defines Public Health as follows:

Public Health is the health of individuals in the context of the wider health of the community. It involves a combination of policies, programs and safeguards designed—

- (a) to protect, maintain or promote the health of the community at large,*
- (b) to prevent or reduce the incidence of disease, injury or disability within the community.*

To further demonstrate and put some context around this meaning, the State Public Health Plan describes public health as follows:

Public Health is what we do collectively as a society to create the conditions and environments that enable health and wellbeing. Public health touches the lives of South Australians every day, protecting and promoting health and wellbeing.

What our Plan looks like

The City of Charles Sturt has a vital role in protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of our local community. In addition to its statutory obligations, Council delivers a range of core functions and services that influence our community's health and wellbeing. This Public Health Plan identifies those core functions, in addition to the diverse range of strategic and operational plans, and provides a framework connected to the State's Public Health Plan, to enhance the understanding of public health priorities and actions for our City, consequently aiming to support improved public health and wellbeing outcomes for our Community.

The Plan is focussed at a population level, rather than the treatment of disease or assessment of individual health care needs. It is important to recognise that the protection, promotion and improvement of public health requires combined action from local, state and commonwealth governments, private and non-government providers and the community at large. Council, as defined by the Act, has a role to advocate, regulate, directly deliver and partner with other parties where appropriate. It is important that this scope is understood so as not to create unrealistic expectations of Council's role in this field.

What Now?

At the conclusion of the consultation period on 24 August 2020, feedback received will be summarised into a report that will be provided to progress the draft to a final version. For further information about this project please see yoursaycharlessturt.com.au