



# Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale Character Preservation

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The *Character Preservation (Barossa Valley) Act 2012* and the *Character Preservation (McLaren Vale) Act 2012* became operational on 18 January 2013.

This legislation led to the 2013 amendment to *The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide*. Development plan amendments were also subsequently undertaken for the council areas affected.

This means that the special character of the two districts is recognised, protected and enhanced while providing for the economic, physical and social wellbeing of the communities within them. The creation of additional residential development in the rural areas in the districts is restricted to halt urban sprawl to the north and south of Adelaide's built-up area, thereby seeking to provide for continued viable farming and primary production activities.

The special character of each district has been considered in terms of the following five character values identified in the legislation:

- rural and natural landscape and visual amenity
- heritage attributes
- built form of the townships
- viticultural, agricultural and associated industries
- scenic and tourism attributes.

**The 2013 Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale Character Preservation Addendum continues to be an Addendum to the 2017 Update. Refer to the Appendices for a copy of this Addendum.**

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