DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Concerning the planning and design code

Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re our new Planning and Design Code.

My key concerns are the loss of trees in our Suburbs and in particular the loss of Significant and Regulated trees in our State.

This has had a detrimental impact on my local area by a larger loss of trees due to development taking over and clearing our block, changes to roads and the widening of roads. Example Fullarton Road and Cross roads. This means my suburb is getting hotter, by the time I am 50 this could have a significant impact to me, my lifestyle and my children who will have to live in a hotter world!

There is plenty of scientific evidence to show that given the climate crisis we are currently facing, the evidence shows that tree canopy is one of the best ways to mitigate against urban heat island effect. We need to move swiftly to ensure that we leave the best possible outcomes for my life, my future children and hopefully grand-children.

I am keen to see these issues addressed for the following reasons:

- My future and my Health.
- My children who I hope get a chance to climb a tree

For these reasons I ask you to support the following key priorities:

- Restore the requirements for the Department of infrastructure and Transport and the Department of Education to publicly consult and gain planning approval to remove regulate trees.
- Remove the ability to Remove exemptions from existing regulated / Significant Tree protection and Native Regulations: in particular the 10m & 20m Rules & 10m & 5m fence rules – Native Vegetation Act Regulations.
- Ensure the trees are to be protected and should not be allowed until all relevant planning and development approvals have been granted.

I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match interstate best practice. Allowing councils greater say over which trees are protected and in which circumstances would do this and would also meet community expectations for their local area.

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