DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: I am so scared ♥ ♣

I am so scared that we are creating irreversible damage to our Adelaide landscape in my lifetime. I am so scared that my children will grow up to my age (35) and there won't see many trees older than a few decades and they won't understand, appreciate or experience how old a tree can grow because of the current, very weak, "tree protection" laws. I am so scared that my children will have to leave Adelaide because it's too hot or too prone to flooding because there are not enough trees to make it liveable. This happened in Adelaide before, in the 1800s after the Plains were cleared for farming. I learnt about this from Professor Chris Daniels of Green Adelaide through my recognition in the Pelzer Prize award in 2021. I am so scared that so many people are so uneducated about the value of trees and so disconnected, that any consultation process, will not demonstrate the Science and urgency of this crisis.

I am scared that the expert panel undertaking the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code, will not meet community expectations by listening attentively and acting on the feedback given.

We are not just "passionate about trees" and "tree lovers", we are educated and listening to the Science.

Please give us some hope, and help reduce this trauma and stress I am dealing with daily.

PLEASE PUT A PAUSE ON EXEMPTIONS (especially for DiT and DfE and the 20m rule) and allow councils to have more of a say to be the voice of our communities.

(The following text has been provided which I strongly support) I am concerned about the impact of both the code and our poor regulations on tree canopy right across Adelaide. You are no doubt familiar with the significant body of work published by the Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations over the last 2 years. Using an evidence-based approach, these reports highlighted how impoverished our laws have become since 2011 when significant exemptions were added to them, despite protests from both the community and experts.

The Conservation Council and partner organisations have compiled a list of their top ten priorities for reform. Support of these improvements will help make our state's tree regulations best practice, a Labor election practice. Many of the changes are backed up not only by the CCSA reports but also by the independent report commissioned by the State Planning Commission - I ask you to support these changes.

We cannot underestimate the important role that trees play in our daily lives. We need them more than they need us. By doing so you will improve our mental & physical health, clean the air that we breathe, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, help cool our homes and streets, make our city more livable and mitigate the impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren.

Yours sincerely, Laura Carrington

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