

DTI:Planning Review

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Dear Planning Review,

I'm sure you are up with all the nuances of these requests but I reiterate them simply to underscore the passion with which I support them. And the sense of fear and desperation as I see the heedless devastation in the burbs, the loss of insect and animal habitat and food sources as well as the shade, ambience and character, not to mention the air.

It is an issue which needs urgent attention.

I am pretty sure you agree with them, since we are all in this together.

But, for the record, here are the reiterations in brief.

Remove exemptions from existing Regulated / Significant Tree Protections and Native Vegetation Regulations

Bring SA into line with VIC and NSW by changing definition of regulated tree to one that:

Incorporate Vegetation Overlays into the Planning and Design Code, similar to those used in Victoria, to better reflect the expectations of local communities by allowing for the protection of significant urban vegetation

Remove the ability to prune up to 30% of a regulated / significant tree without requiring council approval and implement a system that requires the use of the AS4373 Standard

Increase the use of arborists to assess applications affecting significant trees and allow for streamlined approval process for applications to remove regulated trees

Restore the requirement for the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department of Education to publicly consult and gain planning approval to remove regulated trees

Modify the Urban Tree Canopy Offset Scheme to better reflect the value of trees to the community by:

Increasing fees to represent loss and expense, increasing number to replant.

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Homeowners and developers must compensate the environment and society financially until they understand the seriousness of the loss they are creating.

The removal of protected trees should not be allowed until all relevant planning and development approvals have been granted

Please, I beg you, use all your influence, for the sake of our children and their tomorrow.

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