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AIUS SA Submission: Draft Local Design Review Scheme

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Local Design Review Scheme. Developing a scheme that promotes and supports higher quality design outcomes is essential for South Australia's urban future.

The AIUS SA is a forward looking, independent, not-for-profit, membership-based organisation that exists to provoke rich conversation, deep discussion and rigorous debate about urban life in Adelaide and South Australia. Our membership is broad and balanced, and includes individuals and corporate members from the public, private, not-for-profit and academic sectors. Our members have qualifications and expertise in urban planning, law, design, industrial design, business, health, sustainability, industry and policy amongst many others, and they inform our strategy. As such, the AIUS SA provides a unique and diverse view on South Australia's urban and regional future.

The South Australian Planning Reforms (including the new Planning and Design Code) have been introduced to streamline the planning and development process. With this objective in mind, the AIUS SA makes the following high level recommendations for consideration:

1. Streamline and or consolidate the roles of the Independent Design Review Administrator and the Local Design Review Administrator. Put simply, there should be one or a small number of administrators providing design review administration services. This will simplify the overall process, minimise duplication across the local government sector and reduce the level of effort for the Department, administrators and the pools of design review panel members.
2. Ensure a consistent approach to the classes of development that should attract a higher degree of design scrutiny and support.

The AIUS SA would also like to thank ODASA for providing a briefing to AIUS SA's and PIA SA's members during the consultation period.

If you would like to discuss this submission in further detail or any other matter, please don't hesitate to contact me by email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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