

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: We need trees and we need better planning laws around house design and tree clearing AND planting

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When I arrived in Adelaide, the area I settled in had lots of trees, which is why I moved here. There has been substantial tree loss due to the rapid pace of urban infill around our area. Infill is better than clearing greenfield sites BUT the tree planting rules are inadequate for both developer and councils. Councils like mine (West Torrens) continue to plant exotic trees as street trees even when our street residents got together and requested planting of endemic species to support our abundant bird life. Developers don't need to plant decent sided trees PLUS they continue to be allowed to build homes with no eaves, no consideration for solar passive design and so we hear aircon running day and night. Air-con is virtually unnecessary in our old, north facing home with trees, eaves and fold down blinds.

We get enormous pleasure from sitting outside watching the wattlebirds, honeyeaters, magpies, magpie larks, rosellas, galahs, cockatoos, wrens, black faced cuckoo shrikes and all manner of other birds enjoying a large gum and our multitude of local species.

Please look at the planning laws and SAVE our trees which will save our birds and other wildlife AND reduce energy use and slow down climate change.

So I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code. I am hopeful that the expert panel will meet community expectations by listening attentively and acting on the feedback given.

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,
Jennifer Taylor

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