

## DTI:Planning Review

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**Subject:** Trees in our suburbs - Grey is the new Green

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code.

I am concerned about the impact of both the code and our poor regulations on tree canopy right across Adelaide.

In my area I have noticed that many trees have been felled in recent times. As I look around, the skyline has lost many trees. In their place, houses about fence lines and concrete driveways abound. Grey is the new green. It's adding to the heat sinks in our suburbs.

The Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations, using an evidence-based approach, have prepared reports highlighting how impoverished our laws have become since 2011 when significant exemptions were added to the planning rules.

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 promise. Many of the changes are backed up by the Conservation Council SA reports and by the independent report commissioned by the State Planning Commission - I ask you to support and implement these changes.

Trees play a crucial part in our daily lives. By making the changes as recommended, our mental & physical health will improve, the air that we breathe will be cleaner, carbon dioxide will be removed from the atmosphere, our homes and streets will be cooler (making our city more livable) and very importantly the impacts of climate change will be mitigated.

Yours sincerely,  
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