

DTI:Planning Review

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Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re our new Planning and Design Code.

My key concerns are the Urban Trees and Native Vegetation for SA LAW Reform.

This has had a detrimental impact on my local area and we are losing trees at an alarming rate.

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grew up with a stunning outside by bedroom window, during my lifetime this meant my household was cooled during summer and warmed by the winter sun – with no need for air -conditions for the last 18 years- - sadly this tree was lost because the property was purchased by a developer and sub-divided they cleared the whole block - everything gone!

There is plenty of scientific evidence to show that given the climate crisis we are currently facing, the evidence shows that tree canopy is one of the best ways to mitigate against urban heat island effect. We need to move swiftly to ensure that we leave the best possible outcomes for our children and me. My health – I am an 18-year-old woman.

I am keen to see these issues addressed for the following reasons:

- My Health – it is proven that living within 1 Kilometer of tree canopy reduces the following health conditions. It is proven that residents living on streets with denser populations of trees had a significantly lower risk of heart disease, hypertension, blood glucose issues, obesity, high cholesterol, stroke, myocardial infarction and diabetes.
- My Future – I want my future children to be healthy
- To ensure that our native vegetation is protected for future generations

For these reasons I ask you to support the following key priorities

- Modify the Urban Tree Canopy Offset scheme to better reflect the value of trees to the community. Increase the fees to match the costs incurred by councils to plant, establish and maintain replace trees.

- Remove the ability to Remove exemptions from existing regulated / Significant Tree protection and Native Regulations: the 10m & 20m Rules & 10m & 5m fence rules – Native Vegetation Act Regulations.
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I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match interstate best practice. Further why should a few people be allowed to profit at the expense of my future.

Your sincerely,

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