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**Q1** Which part of the Planning and Design Code would you like to make a submission about?(Please click the circle to select which part of the Code you wish to comment on. You can also see which council areas are included in the rural and urban code via the links below.)

**My submission relates to Statewide code**

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**Q2** Please provide your contact details below (Name, Postcode & Email are mandatory)Please be advised that your submission will be made publicly available on the SA Planning Portal.

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| Name              | Jane Preston   |
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| Your Council Area | City of Marion |
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**Q3** Which sector do you associate yourself with?

**General Public**

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**Q4** Would you like to make comment on

**General comments**

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**Q5** Enter your feedback for Rules of Interpretation

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q6** Enter your feedback for Referrals

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**Q7** Enter your feedback for Mapping

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q8** Enter your feedback for Table of Amendments

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q9** Please enter your feedback for overlaysclick next at the bottom of the page for next topic

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10** Please enter your feedback for zones and subzonesclick next at the bottom of the page for next topic

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**Q11** Please enter your feedback for general policyclick next at the bottom of the page for next topic

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**Q12** Please enter your feedback for Land use Definitionclick next at the bottom of the page for next topic

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**Q13** Please enter your feedback for Admin Definitionsclick next at the bottom of the page for next topic

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**Q14** Please enter your general feedback here

I am very concerned about the loss of urban tree canopy I see happening in our neighbourhoods and suburbs. This equates to loss of shade, loss of natural beauty, loss of intergenerational asset, loss of bird life and habitat, less fresh air, less carbon sequestering from traffic fumes, less local connection with nature and loss of natural heritage. In addition, important cooler temperatures that trees provide results in hotter and drier conditions to the detriment of our health and wellbeing and that of our environment.

For these reasons I advocate for more planting of trees and green space for infill development and in the first instance protecting many existing established trees which are better adapted to counter the effects of Climate Change. We can not continue with the current "business as usual" approach and just transfer the Code from a paper system to a paper-less system. This is little if no protection for trees which should have a monetary value at the very least.

I support the State Commission Update Report confirming that current lists of Significant Trees and Regulated Trees from Development Plans will be transitioned into the Code. I recommend the Rules must be changed to retain as much vegetation as possible, including protection for existing trees. There are many creative ways for builders to do this. The Code should recognise existing tree canopy as an intergenerational asset, cooling and greening our suburbs, biodiversity and neighbourhood amenity and include a new Overlay to include policy on urban green cover and climate change adaptation specifically including biodiversity.

I recommend additional policy which recognises all large trees, both indigenous and non-indigenous in urban and regional areas; these trees have high economic value and they should be conserved until the end of their life. Grey Box trees, a magnificent indigenous species, now endangered, need a specific policy to protect them as they do not grow to a regulated tree size. I request that the Code encourage design guidelines to manage overshadowing and privacy / amenity issues, larger minimum size rain water tanks for water storage and greater green space surrounding buildings and/or with rooftop gardens.

Furthermore, I request that full implementation of the Code be delayed to not only give more time, but to allow the Planning Minister and his Department time to document and rectify the errors and omissions and allow further scrutiny of problems and to strengthen protection for natural and built heritage. This Code should not be rushed through. It is extremely important that development is done in a way that respects and enhances our environment and makes our suburbs better places to live and better places for the environment. This reform is a chance to really raise the standards and we should be aiming for a high environmental standard for all new developments. You only have to look at other submissions eg Water Sensitive SA and should be guided by such recommendations.

There seems to be a disconnect between the 30 year plan for Greater Adelaide and the current planning code eg A Green Liveable City 20% increase in urban green cover in metropolitan Adelaide by 2045. At this rate of tree destruction and without mass tree plantings and where we will have a 20% decrease of urban green cover. Adelaide is getting hotter and dryer so the Code needs to reflect our urgent need to tackle Climate Change. It needs to be innovative, bold and forward thinking, to value trees and to lead and educate the community and developers in the right direction. Real action on Climate Change for South Australia starts with this Code.

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**Q15** Do you have any attachments to upload?(pdf only)      Respondent skipped this question

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