

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Putting a value on our trees and understorey

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

Some feedback I would like you to consider when performing your review;

Remnant Veg.

Nothing can replace remnant vegetation, be it mature trees, grassy woodland or scrub. Once its gone , its gone for ever and there is already so little left. - I believe we need to draw a line in the sand - enough is enough.

By having a blanket ban on clearing, it would give us a starting point to build on.

Biodiversity - I believe we need to look more wholistaically at what is being assessed - not just the tree that comes up on the planning maps. The understory is just as valuable as the trees for our native fauna.

Tree Value \$

The value of trees is grossly underestimated. By putting up this value, it will have a much bigger impact on developers, planners etc. It effects the decision making process, the offset process and how we look at our landscape. Climate change only increses this value. - Its time to truly value our flora.

Amend regulations to ensure local LGAs and Councils have to use a local palette of indigenous species that are endemic to the location. Planting species that are not native in public spaces does nothing for our fauna or in the education of our children. We should be proud of our region and do our best to improve local planting volume and quality.

Lastly , I request that you support the implementation of the changes that the Conservation Council are recommending in full.

This is a chance to do better - for us and our grandchildren. Be proud and be be bold - time is running out.

Yours sincerely,
Daniel Hockin

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