

## DTI:Planning Review

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**Subject:** South Australia's Trees Need Better Protection

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.

I have been really disappointed in the number of trees which have been removed in my local area especially when whole blocks have been razed for development and could have been retained. We moved into this area due to its greenness and wildlife and are seeing both of these being heavily impacted. On a more personal note, my parents went into aged care in Marion and we chose a room which looked out onto magnificent tree - a memory from their old house, which had many trees around it that all contained significant bird life. Sadly this tree was removed (as have many in this area) with no apparent reason given and they now look at a colour bond fence. The tree was a lemon-scented gum, which apparently have no protection here in SA when they are within 10m of a dwelling. This is something that I find really quite astounding.

Yours sincerely,  
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