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To the Expert Review Panel,

Thankyou for allowing me the opportunity to address my concerns regarding the Planning and Design Code.

I am a father of two young children who lives in Hawthorndene, near Belair National Park. I moved my family to this area 4 years ago to allow them to grow up in an environment surrounded by trees and wildlife. In this short time, I have witnessed urban sprawl in the local area with blocks of land being completely cleared of trees for housing development. There is very little importance placed on trees which are critical in keeping our local areas cool, helping combat climate change and providing habitat for our wildlife. A current example of this sort of development can be demonstrated by the proposal for 186 Upper Sturt Road, Hawthorndene. A developer is seeking to build 11 detached dwelling (2 & 1 storey) which will result in extensive clearing of trees from this block. This sort of development highlights the lack of importance placed on tree conservation and furthermore contradicts the character of the local area as the development clearly does not meet the desired outcome of Hills Neighbourhood zone of "Development provides a complementary transition to adjacent natural and rural landscapes. Low density housing minimises disturbance to natural landforms and existing vegetation to mitigate the visible extent of buildings, earthworks and retaining walls."

I am also very concerned by the 10/20-meter rule which allows private homeowners/developers to effectively clear their property of trees under a rule that is outdated and inappropriate for residential housing.

I am urging the panel to review the existing Planning and Design Code and develop solutions that allow development but with far greater emphasis on tree protection and general community health. A community that is surrounded by trees and wildlife, is a community that is mentally healthy and physically more well.

I fully support the 10 recommendations put forward by the Conservation Council, see attached to this email and ask the Panel to review and implement these recommendations. We are in a climate emergency and my children deserve a place worth living in, so I am urging you to make changes now to ensure a brighter, safer and more liveable future for our future generations.

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