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I am the grandmother of four children under the age of nine. I have been hoping the new government would respond to the "green vote" born from the concern about climate change and the continuous cutting down of trees in our older suburbs and in the new developments.

Trees are the secret of life. Without their shade we'll cook. It is scientifically proved that trees reduce the temperature in a street and they act as Co2 converters and help us breathe.

I have been to China where I had to wear a mask all the time and the sky was grey every day, not with clouds but pollution. The sun was shining a very pale orange behind the thick grey veil. Yet we so blue, clear sky above a huge park!!!

At the beginning of the year I went overseas to visit family. I was away for five months and on my return a magnificent gum tree in a recently sold private property was chopped down unnecessarily, though no building was going on. Similarly a dozen Victorian and Federation homes were razed to the ground together with their beautiful garden and trees. This is ecological and cultural suicide!!

I am glad I have an 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.

We cannot underestimate the important role that trees play in our daily lives. We need them more than they need us. By doing so you will improve our mental & physical health, clean the air that we breathe, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, help cool our homes and streets, make our city more livable and mitigate the impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren.

Yours sincerely,
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