

DTI:Planning Review

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Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re our new Planning and Design Code.

My key concerns are how we can protect our Urban trees and Native Vegetation in particular how we can keep the many significant and regulated trees alive.

This has had a detrimental impact on my local area, resulting in my increased anxiety around how many trees we are losing each and every year in Adelaide! 75000 trees a year!

There is plenty of scientific evidence to show that given the climate crisis we are currently facing, the evidence shows that tree canopy is one of the best ways to mitigate against urban heat island effect. We need to move swiftly to ensure that we leave the best possible outcomes for our children and grand-children.

I am keen to see these issues addressed for the following reasons:

- My Health – it is proven that living within 1 Kilometer of tree canopy reduces the following health conditions. It is proven that residents living on streets with denser populations of trees had a significantly lower risk of heart disease, hypertension, blood glucose issues, obesity, high cholesterol, stroke, myocardial infarction and diabetes.
- My Future – I want my future children to be healthy
- To ensure that our native vegetation is protected for future generations

For these reasons I ask you to support the following key priorities:

- Increase the use of arborists to assess applications affecting significant trees and allow for streamlined approval process for applications to remove regulated trees
- Incorporate Vegetation Overlays into the Planning and Design Code, similar to those used in Victoria, to better reflect the expectations of local communities by allowing for the protection of significant urban vegetation.
- The removal of protected trees should not be allowed until all relevant planning and development approvals have been granted

I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match interstate best practice. Allowing councils greater say over which trees are protected and in which circumstances would do this and would also meet community expectations for their local area.

Your sincerely,
Maddie Masters

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