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Dear Review Panel

I would like to make a brief submission to the Planning Review, with particular reference to Tree Policy.

I strongly advocate for much greater tree protection, both in public and private spaces (particularly native vegetation). Where I reside, in Flagstaff Hill, I have personally seen the removal of many trees – particularly gum trees – on council and private land. Most of the trees removed are grey box gums, which I understand are a threatened species. Removing any large native trees should be much more difficult and an option of last resort.

A related issue is the lack of trees being planted on 'new' properties, which is almost certainly because of the size of blocks of land that are available. New land releases and property subdivisions – which often remove most (if not all) vegetation – offer hopelessly small blocks of land and inadequate road verges that cannot accommodate trees of any significance. The art of designing suburbs has been replaced by tacky estates with few trees, houses that all look alike and no room to park your car. This is a worrying trend for a multitude of reasons (environmental, health and pressure on infrastructure).

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Kind regards

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