

DTI:Planning Review

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We honour heritage buildings, we must show the same respect to our native heritage assets. Trees take 160 years to create a hollow for a tiny pardalotes to breed. Removing large trees, takes away so much which cannot be replaced. New regulations need to be alignment with the National Park city ethos, in alignment with regional visions and in alignment with the true value of vegetation, to the environment and people. An urgent pause on clearing (even if this is for trees greater than 1 m) while the codes are being reviewed is also required. As past practices have shown, clearing accelerates in anticipation of law changes, and I deeply fear that we will be losing so many more trees while the reviews are being developed. There's no point of having strong clearing codes, if all the tress are gone.

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.

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,
Rebecca O'Leary

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