

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Can't Live Without Our Old Trees

My 2 cents worth -

I am so very concerned about the amount of old growth trees destroyed for the sake of development or, even worse, the lack of care by the general public due to simply ignorance of the worth of these trees.

Adelaide, city and several councils in particular (my own of West Torrens included) seem to disregard how important our older trees are with regards to wildlife (for feeding and hollows), providing natural shade, keeping temperature down, historical value and the impact of mental and physical well-being.

The older trees can't simply be replaced by new ones as these won't function in the same capacity for decades. We can't wait that long.

Please - government and councils must make a sincere effort to make environmental and historical laws better and save what trees are left and replacing the thousands of trees removed over past years. This also includes educating the general public of the high value of old growth trees (well, any trees, really) by setting an exemplary example with strong laws to protect our trees.

Thank you for reading my message. Please consider the following, which I absolutely support.

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,
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