

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 the Urban Trees and Native Vegetations and in particular the clearance of vegetations and trees in our Adelaide backyards.

This has had a detrimental impact on my local area, resulting in older homes with large blocks being purchased by wealthy property developers who can out bid any first home buyers by far. The blocks are then set up to be subdivided and full cleared of any vegetation get as many houses on the block as possible. Purely because this the Bushfire clearance allows it. This, means we are losing trees and vegetation across from Belair National parks – trees that home to many native fauna!

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:

- The large number of trees being removed per year in Adelaide which is roughly 76000 trees per year! If you consider that it takes 800 seedlings to offset a single significant, we are losing
- To ensure our suburbs and home are protected from the heat increases we are seeing around the world.
- To ensure that our native vegetation is protected for future generations

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

- Implement new bushfire clearance allowances that reflect the Bushfire attach Level rating for the property.
- To Better reflect the expectations of local expectations of local communities by incorporating vegetation overlays into the planning and design code.
- Remove exemptions from existing regulated / Significant Tree protection and Native Regulations: in particular the 10m & 20m Rules & 10m & 5m fence rules – Native Vegetation Act Regulations.

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,
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