

DTI:Planning Review

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South Australia's planning and Design Code must heed environmental/ecological values to protect our precious trees from any more destruction. Tens of thousands of trees have been wrongfully felled over many years to the detriment of humans and wild life.

If the expert panel is not aware of the gravity of the loss of trees they are not fit for purpose. Authentic tree valuing ecologists need to be the decision makers.

Along with many concerned citizens I have been actively campaigning to change the code and our weak regulations on tree canopy right across Adelaide. Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations have been tireless in their community education and advocacy for tree reform in politics over the last 2 years. Community views have been ignored, this is scandalous.

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,
Simone Hunter

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