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Dear Sally

RE: Policy Discussion Paper Response

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the latest papers published by DPTI regarding the implementation of the PDI Act 2016. Our feedback and comments are summarised below:

Natural Resources and Environment Policy Discussion Paper

Recent Council DPA Policy Initiatives

Council, over the last 10 years, has undertaken a number of Development Plan Amendments to the Mount Barker Development Plan. Council's planning policy initiatives in these Amendments accord with the policy directions in the Discussion Paper.

- Council has already integrated significant local planning policy within the Mount Barker Development Plan that addresses the issues in this paper such as *Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)*, stormwater management (including detention basins), watercourse, floodplain and wetland protection as well as soil conservation. These local policies are additional to the SAPPL and it is imperative that they are transitioned into the Planning and Design Code.
- Mount Barker Council is the first to introduce the Mount Lofty Ranges Watershed Overlay through the *Rural (Primary Production Protection) Development Plan Amendment (DPA)*. Other water protection areas, policies and mapping already exist in Council's Development Plan. Additional policy and mapping was introduced through the Integrated Water Management Regional DPA.
- Through the Rural (PPP) DPA Council significantly expanded the total area within the municipality covered by the Conservation Zone. This DPA also introduced areas of high environmental significance as development constraints, additional

CONCLUSION

Due to the recent number of Ministerial and Council Development Plan Amendments in the last 10 years a significant number if not a majority of key issues in these policy papers has already been addressed and appear as local additions to Policy in Council's Development Plan. Policy introduced as a result of Council's investigations, master and structure planning, and Development Plan Amendments have been undertaken with considerable community consultation, Council resourcing and financial investment.

The key issue for Council in the transition phase will be the retention of existing locally specific planning policy into to the Planning and Design Code. Should your team wish to clarify any of our comments, please contact me on the details below.

Kind Regards,



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