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To: DPTI:Planning Reform Submissions
Subject: Submission regarding Draft Planning and Design Code for South Australia Phase 2

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Planning and Design Code for South Australia Phase 2.

The Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association is a community based, not-for-profit organisation working to conserve biodiversity and promote the sustainable use of productive land and water resources. We have operated for over 20 years, primarily across in the south-eastern Mount Lofty Ranges across the catchments that flow directly into Lake Alexandrina but also in the Murray Mallee, Riverland and other regions of South Australia.

We are concerned that the draft code Phase 2 proposes to zone a number of conservation reserves, national parks and/or wilderness areas as 'rural'. In some instances, individual parks are proposed to be zoned partially as 'rural' and partially as 'conservation'.

Every effort and relevant policy mechanism available is needed to be directed toward ensuring the ongoing protection and conservation of flora and fauna contained within parks set aside for conservation. These parks are the cornerstones of conservation in South Australia with private land conservation and sustainable productive land use complementing and augmenting their role in ensuring that sufficient areas of land are protected and managed to conserve biodiversity.

For the reasons outlined above, the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Inc. strongly recommends that all public lands set aside for conservation of biodiversity are appropriately zoned as 'conservation' and not 'rural'.

Best regards, Ross.

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