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Hi,

I would like the following comments to be considered as part of the consultation on the planning reform changes.

Whilst I understand that there is a need to align planning codes across states and regions I am not in support of any changes that restrict the development of double garages on narrow blocks in the place of wider street frontages for 'passive surveillance'. Increasing onstreet parking is an impractical and unsafe solution for householders with more than one car.

The design and characteristics of suburbs are changing over time and I think residents need to embrace the changes. Market affordability is a significant issue in older suburbs that have large blocks with older homes. Land prices result in these properties being unaffordable for the average householder. I appreciate that the subdivision of blocks needs to be considered in relation to block sizes etc, however shouldn't be blocked / rejected if the only reasons are that residents don't want change in their area. I support smaller block sizes of 9m wide frontage which includes a double garage as a minimum .

Developers and builders also need to be mindful of recommending housing designs which are considerate of the design of neighbourhoods they are engaged to build in.

Family needs are also changing in that children and families are utilising communal green spaces, sporting facilities, parks etc as opposed to owning a large home on a large block. So smaller block sizes are reflective of these changes in how people are living, this shouldn't be dismissed just because not everyone shares the same views.

I hope that some of these comments will be considered.

Thanks, Janine

Sent from my iPhone