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From: Deb Nurton [REDACTED]
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To: DIT:Plan SA <PlanSA@sa.gov.au>
Subject: Feedback on brochure: "The Planning and Design Code in The City of Marion"

Dear "Plan" SA

I am absolutely furious. I have received your brochure on The Planning and Design Code on the City of Marion. I received it today. The date for feedback closes today. I can only surmise you don't want people to be able to provide input given the lack of time provided.

Yet here I am. But I am furious because of more than the lack of time to respond. I am furious because I have to spend my time writing in and making complaints about the "planning" and "design" code which has no planning and lacks critical design. What a joke. You couldn't make this stuff up.

Even more, I am furious by the changes being brought in. Nobody is happy with them. Everyone I speak to across Adelaide is furious and confused.

For example, the whole offstreet parking thing is a joke. The neighbours who put up a two story townhouse next to us are using their garage to store stuff, and their two gargantuan vehicles sit in their driveway, looking dreadful and untidy. Their double frontage also removed one of our few car parking spaces on the road because of the placement of a second driveway. Where is the design in this? Visitors to their house have nowhere to park on site, therefore taking up rare on street parking. They have taken over the street! They have 3 children: what happens when they all have a car?

In addition, the neighbours on the other side of us have also subdivided (something they assured us they would never do), so we now have two backyards adjoining the side of our house. Noise has doubled. Privacy is non-existent.

Artificial grass has been installed on two of our neighbours' properties. One has put in a pool. The youngest child of that neighbour cries constantly: I presume she is forever knocking herself on the tiny amount of space they have, with no garden. What used to be garden on both blocks is now covered in climate-unfriendly housing. We have lost our down the street view of the sunset as it is now blocked by the new house. Garden is rare. The urban heat effect is going to affect us all.

If any more houses are subdivided in our street, we are going to be a ghetto.

So please tell me how my council is doing anything wrong? I am grateful to Kris Hanna. The council has been good to us, planting more street trees when I complained about the disappearance of gardens. I find your brochure to be nauseating. Maybe instead of defending your damaging policy, you could stop and think about how unpopular your policy is, and whether, if the view of Marion Council reflects the view of the residents of Marion area, this leaves you?

I can tell you that you are very out of touch with community sentiment. You need to do some focus groups fast. There are a long of angry dissatisfied people out in the suburbs.

Here is something important: I would like you to read two books. They are by Jeannie Baker.

One is Window. This describes the dire outcome happening in my street.

The other is Belonging. That is what we have tried to do on our block. This is the direction the government should be taking.

We and many others in our street renovated our houses in good faith. We have built a climate friendly house, established fresh-air producing gardens. The newcomers have no respect for the area, and show no concern for the environment. We have raised our children in this house. We don't want to move, and in any case this is a state government initiative that affects every region, not just our council. There is nowhere to run.

I love SA, have always been a proud south aussie. We have always been innovative pioneers. Not any more.

Now we are just losers. Losing our relaxed lifestyle, all crammed in together. Losing our neighbourhoods. Losing our environmental luxury. Losing our wonderful foresight and careful planning.

I wonder what Colonel Light would say about the haphazard development of our once-wonderful suburbs?

Furious. I am absolutely furious.

Deb Nurton

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