

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: 75,000 trees down a year is taking us in the wrong direction

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Thanks for the chance to submit on this important issue.

I lead a community of around 1500 people through our business Human.Kind. We get expert speakers in to help educate and stimulate discussion in our community and 2 years ago Conversation Council of SA walked us through the evidence of tree canopy loss in Adelaide.

They shared their comprehensive report which also highlighted the path forwards for councils and government. Our community wrote letters to the then ministers and were appalled at the shrug off we received.

It felt like developers have priority. So while we call ourselves a green city we're becoming more a green-washed city. Add to that the radically shifting environmental conditions and we are leaving ourselves (literally) wide open to the harsh elements, damage and health impacts. All of which will cost exponentially more than the developers are meaningfully adding to our economy.

It takes decades for small saplings to provide shade, habitat, cooling etc. We need far more robust protections for existing tree canopy, and for future development (small or large-scale) to pay more than lip service to adding trees and habitat back into the system.

I ask you to step up to the task. Not with incrementalism but to fundamentally change the way that land development gets done in this state, stop tree canopy loss, and start us on a net gain towards being a liveable and green city in coming decades.

Yours sincerely,
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