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We are very concerned residents of Toorak Gardens who are disgusted with the changes that will soon take place to the urban Planning and Design Code. We have read the flyer from the Burnside Council which tries to explain the details of the changes. It is almost impossible for a lay person to decipher the document at www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au. The hotline number 1800 318 102 does not work! Burnside Council have identified 8 major changes to existing laws which will have a significant detrimental impact on our suburbs. In brief: increased opportunity for subdivision; significant decrease in building setbacks from road, side and rear boundaries; a range of non-residential uses, eg shops, offices, educational facilities etc, will now be possible on residential streets; removal of hard-won heritage areas to be replaced with a case by case assessment; large scale retail and commercial centres in the same zone as small local shops; removal of notification of new developments and no opportunity to protest or comment; increased ability to remove trees from both private and public land to make way for larger developments. There has been no consultation. No-one we have spoken to has heard about this. It was snuck in before Christmas and the time line is very short. In fact it runs out this Friday. The 'portal' is undecipherable gobbledegook! I find it hard to believe that this has been supported by politicians. It absolutely reeks of public money being spent by vested interests. I would like to know who is on this State Planning Commission and exactly what the members stand to gain! Yours in exacerbation Susan Gerrie [REDACTED] Toorak Gardens 5065

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