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I have a number of concerns about the proposed Code as it affects both rural and urban areas.

The Code in general is enormous in scope and very difficult to understand. It is very complex, very long and seems to have been foisted-on the community with little real notice and little opportunity to understand its implications. It has errors, inconsistencies and omissions and this leaves the reader with very little confidence that what is proposed will be workable. One has to assume that this is Government's way of pushing through its agenda. Blind us with detail and rush it through, hoping people won't notice.

My concerns are:

1. A person I know has bought land in an urban council area and wishes to develop it in a way that is currently non-complying. She has been told to wait until the new Code is in place before submitting plans to Council as "the new rules will be more favourable".
2. The current processes of notification and consultation with adjoining landowners and interested parties will be severely curtailed or dispensed with. As a ratepayer I believe this is undemocratic, and fails to allow proper consideration of ratepayers' perspectives.
3. The Adelaide Hills Council has in place planning provisions which are supported by the community. They are flexible and responsive and should be retained.
4. I am very concerned about any diminution of SA's heritage provisions. Our built history is an important part of who we are. It contributes to our identity, our state pride.
5. My biggest concern is for the natural environment. We have just seen how fragile this is to natural processes, let alone to damage by developers. We have so little of SA's flora and fauna left, but the Government wants to permit developers to tramp all over it. Unbelievable, mistaken, wrong, wrong, wrong.

I urge the Government to slow down, reconsider, correct, amend, modify the provisions of the proposed Code in light of all the concerns that are being, and have been expressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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