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Re. Planning Reform Submissions

To Whom it May Concern,

My first comment concerns the protection of, and increase in, Adelaide's tree canopy. The Government must promote the role of trees in

- a) providing a natural source of shade, imperative for our climate and for reducing energy emissions
- b) supporting the increasingly vulnerable local fauna, including birds, insects and koalas
- c) providing privacy, in the face of alarming building height increases and disappearing boundaries
- d) preserving and contributing to the character of a street and neighbourhood.

Adelaide's most desirable residential areas are exactly that because they include a significant tree canopy and preserved local heritage.

My second comment concerns the reduction of building planning regulations and neighbourhood consultation. I am not alone in my despair for the number of Adelaide's vanishing houses. When an entire home, and every last blade of grass, is removed, there are broader ramifications for the character of the street and neighbourhood. There must be a broader vision incorporating an appreciation for local history and its contribution towards a neighbourhood's cultural identity. More suburbs must be granted protected status to retain their character. Heritage and modernity can co-exist and Adelaide must champion excellence in dwelling renovation which preserves heritage features and is sympathetic with the unique character of the building.

Government planning application amendments must not remove the right of consultation. This vital procedure acknowledges the impact of an individual's desires on the broader neighbourhood. The Government should encourage consultation in the interests of fostering co-operation, collaboration and increased community spirit.

I strongly oppose the current trend for increased subdivisions, increased height allowances and overlooking, and minimising boundary limits. Houses built without eaves, with small windows, several stories high and lacking in foliage are also environmentally unsustainable and unsuitable for our climate.

The re-development of land must include new priorities for community integrated social housing. Mews houses and studio style dwellings should be built. Adelaide should aim to provide a new blueprint for high quality, environmentally sustainable living. This is particularly important as ageing and home ownership concerns continue to rise.

In a final, general comment, Adelaide must identify what makes it unique, and use this as the foundation for future growth. It should avoid succumbing to

short-term and short-sighted development, which fails to elevate and celebrate the city for the special place it is.

Yours Faithfully,

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