

DTI:Planning Review

From: Gill Weston [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 11 December 2022 2:42 PM
To: DTI:Planning Review
Subject: Submission on Planning and Design Code

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re the Planning and Design Code.

My concern relates to the protection of trees - I do not think the current legislation gives adequate protection to them. This is evident from the two independent reports that were commissioned as part of this consultation process.

Sadly, trees are assets that are often valued most once they are lost, and many residents of Adelaide are unaware of the scale of tree loss in our city. I believe that legislation is a key way to give trees the protection they need to ensure our urban forest is retained.

As the climate crisis progresses, the role of the urban forest in protecting people and wildlife from the impacts of hotter, drier weather will become crucial. We need to do everything we can to protect and promote trees and the review of the Planning and Design Code is an opportunity to contribute.

I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match, or even exceed interstate best practice, based on the independent reports that have been developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Your sincerely,

Gill Weston
[REDACTED]