

DTI:Planning Review

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Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re our new Planning and Design Code. My key concerns are flooding and run-off soil degradation due to indiscriminate clearing of land for new housing sub-divisions, in particular the destruction and push-back of natural wildlife habitat to achieve land clearing for this purpose.

This has had a detrimental impact on my local area, resulting in washouts after rain events because there is no vegetation to hold the soil together and loss of natural habitat for native birds, animals and insects. (The attached before and after photos are typical of the sorts of results that we are seeing because of this. You might need or want to elaborate on what the photos show.)





There is plenty of scientific evidence to show that given the climate crisis we are currently facing, the evidence shows that tree canopy is one of the best ways to mitigate against urban heat island effect. We need to move swiftly to ensure that we leave the best possible outcomes for our children and grand-children.



I am keen to see these issues addressed for the following reasons:

1. Vegetation (particularly Trees) being removed for new subdivisions increases soil degradation through washouts and flooding, and silts up areas such as roads and natural drainage.
2. Natural habitat for birds, insects and wildlife are either severely destroyed or eliminated.
3. The natural environment for our children and grandchildren to enjoy is diminished.

For these reasons I ask you to support the following key priorities:

1. Green zones mandatory for new subdivisions.

2. Sufficient natural habitat left for existing animal, bird and insect species that are already established in the area.
3. Adhere to a responsible and moral obligation for future generations to experience the natural environment

I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match interstate best practice. Allowing councils greater say over which trees are protected and in which circumstances would do this and would also meet community expectations for their local area.

Your sincerely,
Robyn Hurley

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