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Dear State Planning Commission,

Please accept my attached letter in response to The Planning and Design Code in the City of Marion.

As a resident of Marion, I have some concerns for the Marion plans and infill policy code. Please contact me if you would like further feedback in regards to future planning in the city of Marion.

Kind Regards,

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Protect our Streets: The Planning and Design Code in the City of Marion

I write to support Marion Council's submission to have the draft Planning and Design Code amended.

While I understand the Code is complex, and is yet to be finalised, I support the Council's objectives of limiting urban infill in the north of the City of Marion.

As a resident of Marion over the last 6 years I have witnessed the dramatic increases in on-street parking. Some streets are full of parked cars in the evenings and it can be dangerous when navigating tight streets and trying to avoid other drivers also passing through. While driving home from work in the evenings, I have frequently experienced near misses as cyclists and other drivers pull out behind parked cars, small trucks and even parked caravans.

Marion would benefit from an increase in open spaces and tree planting in front of homes and backyards. Trees planting should be required in most if not all circumstances when blocks are developed. Nature strips in some streets have little vegetation and trees. The uneven distribution of landscaping and re-vegetation needs to be reviewed to ensure even spread of green spaces for all residents. The Marion Croquet Club (262, Sturt Road) land could be converted/developed into a green space, e.g., nature reserve, garden or dog park, as opposed to a business or parking area. Marion would surely benefit from further tree planting and landscaping that enhances the health of its community and provides a suitable environment for its native wildlife, particularly bird species.

To address this, and other issues, I support the Council's proposed amendments to the Code for:


- Maintaining recently approved policies in the Marion Plains Policy Area:
 - Minimum block sizes of 350 sq m for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
 - Maximum 40 per cent site coverage for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
 - Minimum frontages of 10 metres for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
 - Local design standards

- Rezoning parts of Marion Road to enable business growth
- More room for on-site and street-car parking
- High quality design standards for multiple homes on an allotment throughout the Council
- More space for open space and trees on an allotment

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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