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Subject: It's Time to Act on Climate Change in big and small ways, every possible way

There is clear evidence that trees cool cities. Many people are weary of the words "climate change" but we have to start acting now in big and small ways. Every action adds to the whole. Maintaining and developing Adelaide's tree cover is one of those actions, as is water recycling for green median strips, etc.

I am very concerned about the impact of both the code and our poor regulations on tree canopy across the whole of Adelaide. You are no doubt familiar with the significant body of work published by the Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations over the last 2 years. Using an evidence-based approach, these reports highlighted how impoverished our laws have become since 2011 when significant exemptions were added to them, despite protests from both the community and experts.

The Conservation Council and partner organisations have compiled a list of their top ten priorities for reform. Support for these improvements will help make our state's tree regulations best practice - a Labor election practice! Many of the changes are backed up not only by the CCSA reports but also by the independent report commissioned by the State Planning Commission - I ask you to support these changes.

We cannot underestimate the important role that trees play in our daily lives. We need them more than they need us. Preserving trees will improve our mental & physical health, clean the air we breathe, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, help cool our homes and streets, make our city more livable and mitigate the impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code. I am hopeful that the expert panel will meet community expectations by listening attentively and acting on the feedback given.

Yours sincerely, Lizzie Packer South Australia, 5170, Australia

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