

# ROBERTO & ANNA SIMMONS

The Honorable Vickie Champman MP

Minister of Planning and Local Government

Dear Minister

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward a comment regarding the revised Planning and Design Code (Draft). We herewith refer to the version that has a closing date for submissions of 20 December 2020.

Over the last seven years we have **written to support** the Marion Council and State Government's bid to reduce the required minimum lot sizes in Marino. That includes correspondence to Marion Council during their consultation period for the Housing Diversity DPA and to the State Government during the previous consultation regarding the draft Planning and Design Code. On each occasion we supported the concept of more intensive and enabling minimum lot sizes. Once again with the latest consultation we support the State Government's bid to reduce minimum lot sizes in Marino.

My wife Anna and I have owned for more than 25 years. It has a land area of 1,302m<sup>2</sup> and has never been developed. This is a substantial landholding.

Our long held aspiration has been to subdivide the land in the form of one into two allotment. This is in order to build our retirement home on a manageable sized allotment and either developing or selling the second allotment.

Because the Marion Council Development Plan prescribes minimum site areas that limit land division and dwelling development to one dwelling on this 1,302m<sup>2</sup> site. We consider this to be unreasonable and not in keeping with community expectations about urban consolidation and ageing in place.

I am writing here to advise that I support the proposed minimum lot sizes of 350m<sup>2</sup> to 400m<sup>2</sup>. That is sensible and could be applied suburb wide throughout Marino.

I request that you assist Marino property owners to finally develop their large property holdings.

Your sincerely

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