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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to the proposed South Australian Planning and Design Code.

Firstly, when considering the proposed changes, I hope that the concerns identified by the City of Onkaparinga in their feedback will be recognised and addressed.

There are a number of issues I raise on behalf of my community.

The township of Old Noarlunga has significant historical character and is an iconic feature of the southern suburbs. Currently this heritage is protected by planning policies which acknowledge its value it is deeply concerning that the proposed changes would open the township up to character altering development.

Where local variations to the zoning of historical or unique suburbs in many inner-city suburbs, this has largely been maintained to provide ongoing protection to their character. Whereas this appears to have been ignored for outer suburban communities such as the City of Onkaparinga where there are several historical suburbs, including Old Noarlunga, with a character well deserving of protection, or planning restrictions to prevent the block sizes being eroded.

The proposal to reduce minimum allotment size from 325m² to 300m² would be of concern to many residents of the South. The outer southern suburbs is already home to a number of developments where small allotments have led to street access and parking issues, overcrowding and lack of open space.

Reducing the minimum allotment would exacerbate this issue and undermine previous work of the community in expanding allotment size in the City of Onkaparinga's recent Development Plan Amendment.

It has also been concerning that despite repeated requests to two Ministers, I have been unable to receive a briefing as the local Member of Parliament on the proposed Code. This appears to have been a deliberate ministerial intervention to prevent elected Members of Parliament being properly briefed on the impacts these proposed changes would have on their electorates.

I believe that the consultation process for these proposed changes has been lacking, with the overwhelming majority of my constituents unlikely to be aware of the impact this Code will have on their homes and neighbourhoods.

I trust that this feedback will be considered when determining the final Code and I strongly recommend that the concerns raised by the City of Onkaparinga be reflected in the Code and that a proper consultation occur with the community, including elected representatives.

Yours sincerely,



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