

# Expert Panel for the Implementation Review

## Agenda Report

Meeting No. 3

<b>Date</b>	19 September 2022
<b>Item Name</b>	Tree Policy in the Planning and Design Code
<b>Presenters</b>	Jason Bailey (DTI), Denise LeBlond (DTI), Matt Henderson (DTI)
<b>Item Number</b>	3.2
<b>Related Items</b>	Nil

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## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Expert Panel (the Panel) resolves to:

1. Approve the designation of the Agenda Report as Not Confidential (Release Immediately), with the exception of **Attachment 1** (Workshop Briefing Paper – Tree Policy in the Planning and Design Code) which is designated as Not Confidential (Release Delayed) (clause 2.2.2 of the Transparency and Confidentiality Policy) with release being triggered by the public release of the Expert Panel's Final Report to the Minister;
2. Note the analysis and options for review on Tree Policy in the Planning and Design Code as described in the Workshop Briefing Paper (**Attachment 1**);
3. Approve the content of the Workshop Briefing Paper (**Attachment 1**) being used to prepare a Discussion Paper to assist with public consultation by the Panel; and
4. Note that a final Discussion Paper will be presented to the Panel for its approval at a later meeting, prior to being released to the public.

## Background

1. The government's planning and heritage policy platform documents released prior to the March 2022 State Election provide for the commissioning of an implementation review of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act) and the Planning and Design Code (the Code). The election commitment documents provide for the review to be undertaken with the aid of an Expert Panel (Panel), and will address the following policy objectives:
  - 1.1. protecting the character and heritage of our local communities;
  - 1.2. ensuring greater tree canopy coverage and green open space;
  - 1.3. providing certainty to business, industry and communities by implementing appropriate design standards; and
  - 1.4. considering improvements to the e-planning system and processes.

2. On 21 July 2022, the Minister for Planning (the Minister) approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the work of the Panel, which will include review of the following:
  - 2.1. the Act;
  - 2.2. the Code (and related instruments) as it relates to infill policy, trees, character, heritage and car parking;
  - 2.3. the e-planning system to ensure that it is delivering an efficient and user-friendly process and platform; and
  - 2.4. the PlanSA Website to assess usability and access to information by the community.
3. The purpose of this report is to provide the Expert Panel with a workshop briefing and advice on matters pertaining to Tree Policy in the Planning and Design Code, as required to be considered by the Panel in accordance with its ToR.

## Discussion

4. The Panel will be reviewing specific matters arising from the Code (as determined by the Minister), which relevantly includes Tree Policy.
5. The Panel is required to comprehensively consider the issues arising out of this area for review, and to make recommendations to the Minister as to how these issues can be remedied or otherwise improved, moving forward.
6. To ensure that the Panel receives a relevant, current, and comprehensive understanding of this area for review, subject matter experts from Planning Land Use Services have prepared a workshop briefing for the Expert Panel.
7. Following receipt of the workshop briefing, it is anticipated that the Panel will be in a position to further identify the specific matters for review that it will seek to include in a Discussion Paper, which will be prepared for the purposes of community consultation.

## Attachments

1. Workshop Briefing Paper – Tree Policy in the Planning and Design Code (KNet 19013237)

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