

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Improving protection for our large trees

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code.

I live in an area affected by the recent storm, with tree damage all around my suburb.

Following the storm I've heard people claiming that we need to remove trees from our neighbourhood. This embodies many unfounded myths about trees, storms and properties. Acting on myths and unfounded opinion isn't the way forward.

A much better, evidence-based approach is available. Reports from the Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations over the last 2 years highlight how impoverished our laws have become since 2011 when significant exemptions were added to them, despite protests from both the community and experts.

It is this lack of protection and care for tall trees that is contributing to our current problems.

The Conservation Council and partner organisations have compiled a list of their top ten priorities for reform. Support of 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. By doing so you will improve our mental and physical health, clean the air that 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.

Yours sincerely,
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