

DTI:Planning Review

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I am really concerned at the significant loss of trees in Adelaide since coming here nearly 20 years ago. In my area where subdivision is rampant, trees and being cleared and the area gets hotter and hotter, the bird stocks dwindle, bees have no food, and people run air-con all day because they have no shade and live in poorly designed housing (and then complain about their power bills). We need to be climate aware and smarter in managing housing and our environment. Trees need to be protected and housing designs need to be regulated and energy efficiency enforced.

I see I have the opportunity to comment on a review of the PDC. Thank you for this 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.

I am concerned about the impact of both the code and our poor regulations on tree canopy right across 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 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 & 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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