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Dear Mr Stimson

**Re: Invitation for deputation**

Thank you for your letter of 14 October 2022 inviting Business SA to make a deputation to the Expert Panel for the Planning System Implementation Review on 5 December 2022.

As you would be aware, in our policy and advocacy work Business SA strives to represent the interests of the South Australian business community and focus on the most pressing issues of the day for our members. Our previous involvement with the planning reform process was primarily during consultation on strategic policy issues, rather than at a technical planning policy level.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to participate in the upcoming deputation process. We do, however, wish to share the following comments and suggestions.

According to page 31 of the Panel's 'Discussion Paper – Planning and Design Code Reform Options', "feedback from the community and industry highlighted tree canopy, stormwater management and rainwater tanks as areas of particular concern". These issues are indeed of interest to our members.

On the urban tree canopy, Business SA supports proposals to provide for greater urban tree canopy cover. This is consistent with research which stipulates the benefits of green spaces for health and wellbeing and will make Adelaide a more livable city. We are pleased to see that new criteria have been developed with respect to the tree canopy cover, including mandatory tree planting policy in urban infill areas to ensure at least one tree is planted per new dwelling or the option for payment into an offset fund where tree planting is not feasible on site. Business SA would like to suggest establishing benchmarking, measurable across jurisdictions, to assist in achieving a greater urban tree canopy.

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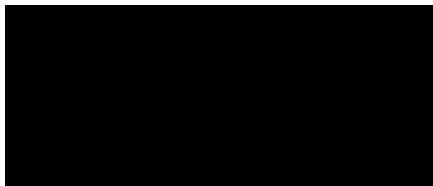


We also support the continued focus on water conservation and the additional clarity on connections, which require retention and/or detention rainwater tanks to be plumbed to at least one toilet and water outlet.

Business SA would also like to encourage the Commission to carefully consider imposing any additional costs on developers, given the rising costs of doing business, which already include inflation, interest rates, materials, fuel, energy, insurance and transport.

Thank you again for inviting us to participate in this process. Should you have any questions or wish to engage with Business SA on other policy matters, please contact Kendall Crowe, General Manager of Policy, Advocacy, and International Services via 0423 382 488 or [kendall@crowe@business-sa.com](mailto:kendall@crowe@business-sa.com).

Yours sincerely



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