

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Trees are necessary for our health

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the implementation review of the Planning and Design Code. I expect that the expert panel will meet community expectations by listening attentively and acting on the feedback given, including my response.

As a member of Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA) I am well aware of the strong evidence linking human health with nature - and especially with trees. I am concerned about the impact of both the code and our poor regulations on tree canopy right across Adelaide. In addition to publications by DEA, the Conservation Council of SA and partner organisations have published reports highlighting how ineffectual our laws have become since 2011 when significant exemptions were added to them, despite protests from both the community and experts.

I support the top ten priorities for reform promoted by the Conservation Council and partner organisations which will help make our state's tree regulations best practice.

Equitable access to nature, including trees, is good for our health and conversely, a degraded natural environment harms our health with the impact greatest on those most vulnerable in our society.

We need to make our towns and cities, including Adelaide, more livable and mitigate the impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren.

Yours sincerely,
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