

DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: Tree canopy protection

Good morning,

I am regularly saddened when I see the beautiful greenery that drew me to live in the Tea Tree Council area consistently reduced. Not only do these trees create cooler suburbs but they also provide much needed homes for our many native species which we are currently so lucky to live alongside.

As new houses occupy a huge proportion of the shrinking block sizes Tea Tree Gully is becoming just a Gully, with less and less trees and consequentially less and less wildlife.

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,
Hayley Hasler

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