DTI:Planning Review

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Subject: PLEASE FIX OUR TREE LAWS



As a resident of Eden Hills for the last 5 years, my partner and I have revegetated our relatively small 920m2 block into a thriving, lush cottage garden, planting some 58 trees, not to mention plants and shrubs... but I do have to wonder what is the point in putting all this effort in when literally everyone else can destroy every bit of greenery on their block with zero consequences!? I have watched countless blocks surrounding us be completely cleared, even when the trees are right on the border of the land and unlikely to cause an issue to a new development. This is lazy work by developers who are not required to retain green space because of our unbelievably weak tree laws. THIS NEEDS FIXING NOW!!

Thank you for the 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 liveable and mitigate the impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren.

Yours	sincerely,
Angie	Bignell

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