

## DTI:Planning Review

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Dear Panel Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on my concerns re our new Planning and Design Code.

My key concerns are how we can protect our Urban trees and Native Vegetation in particular how we can keep the many significant and regulated trees alive.

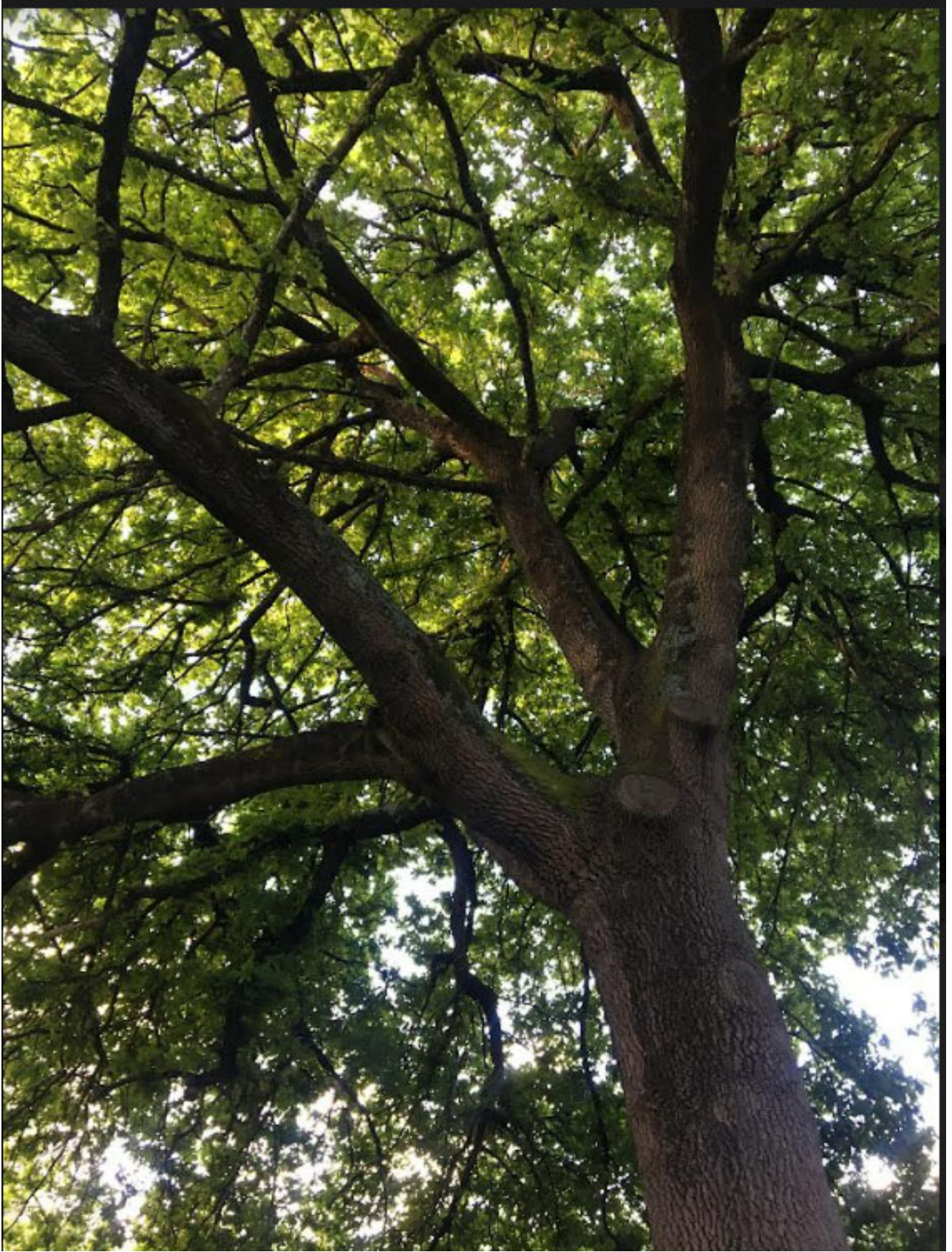
I am keen to see these issues addressed for the following reasons, for the last 18 years I have lived at a property at [REDACTED] and in that time, I have been privileged to have lived next door to a most magnificent tree, It was an oak tree – so not significant but should have been regulated. In the last 18 years, this tree allowed my home and [REDACTED] to be shaded in summer, and in winter the sun warmer us. We actually don't have air conditioning – maybe 1 week out of the year we wished we but that is all, haven't need or required – all thanks to a neighborhood tree.

Sadly, our neighbor who has lived on the block for over 65 years has passed, and the property was sold, outbid by at least 4 out couples by a developer's – whose sole intent is profit. Not community, not family, but to sub-divide, live in the property for a year to avoid capital gains tax, sell and move on. Sadly, we are losing trees purely for profit for one, but at the cost to my future and my children's future, indeed your future and your children's future!

This was Josies tree: she planted it with her son, over 50 years ago.











This is after the loss of Josies tree.



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This tree, Josies trees was cut down next to me: it was only one in the 75000 that we lose each year, a net lost – a net loss.

Consider it takes 800 trees to replace 1 significant tree: We loss  $75000 \times 800 = 60,000,000$  million trees a year. To NOT be at a loss.

For these reasons I ask you to support all the reforms recommended by the conversation SA, it really is the only way to make significant impact to “our” tree canopy!

1. Remove exemptions from existing Regulated / Significant Tree Protections and Native Vegetation Regulations
2. Bring SA into line with VIC and NSW by changing definition of regulated tree to one that:
3. Incorporate Vegetation Overlays into the Planning and Design Code, similar to those used in Victoria, to better reflect the expectations of local communities by allowing for the protection of significant urban vegetation
4. Implement new bushfire clearance allowances that reflect the Bushfire Attack Level rating for the property
5. Remove the ability to prune up to 30% of a regulated / significant tree without requiring council approval and implement a system that requires the use of the AS4373 Standard



- 6. Increase the use of arborists to assess applications affecting significant trees and allow for streamlined approval process for applications to remove regulated trees
  - 7. Restore the requirement for the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department of
  - 8. Education to publicly consult and gain planning approval to remove regulated trees
- Modify the Urban Tree Canopy Offset Scheme to better reflect the value of trees to the community by;
9. Introduce the following requirements where permission is granted to remove a protected tree:
10. The removal of protected trees should not be allowed until all relevant planning and development approvals have been granted

I look forward to the panel making recommendations that match interstate best practice. Allowing councils greater say over which trees are protected and in which circumstances would do this and would also meet community expectations for their local area and further welcome any discussions, or chats you wish to have regarding my heartfelt desire for a better, cooler, healthier climate for all of us!

Warm Regards,

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