

DTI:Planning Review

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Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this very important issue affecting us all within suburban Adelaide.

- The current rate of tree loss within our suburbs is not sustainable. A net loss of 75,000 trees is a disgrace.
- The current laws are too lax. In my opinion, Local Council is best placed to oversee the tree canopy / green space in our area. If this isn't possible, please bring our tree laws into line with other states and embrace best practice.
- Put a price on trees! A big one \$\$\$. If developers (and homeowners) had to pay an extra \$100-500k to remove significant trees, instead of being allowed to simply clear the block / remove for a swimming pool / not like the leaf litter dropped, they would think twice.
- This rate off tree loss is creating heat banks within suburbs causing over-use of air conditioning further contributing to the change in our climate.
- We seem to be ignoring the science with regards to the link between canopy loss, climate change, heat related illness / death and mental illness. It was interesting to watch how Government across Australia embraced the science during Covid, yet for many other events Governments don't embrace science in the same fashion.
- Loss of biodiversity within our suburbs. We're limiting the movement of our local native wildlife by cutting off corridors. They too need a home.
- Big trees act as windbreaks. While the storm a few weeks ago wreaked havoc in the city, studies have shown that property damage is limited when there are big trees around to disperse the force of the wind.
- Have licenced arborists only.

Please stop the destruction of our trees; and in the time being put a hold on removals until the review is complete.

Native trees can take a lifetime to grow, and a brief moment to destroy as I have witnessed many times over the past eight years while living in Black Forest 5035. It's heartbreaking.

I look forward to a positive leap forward from this Government on the tree law reform (and planning reform in general).

With thanks,
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