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Dear Sir/Mm

I would like to draw attention to risks deriving from changes to the subdivision rules in the Adelaide Hills. As a lifelong resident I have been dismayed at the degradation of the hills as a result of previous ill informed actions by councils seeking increased rate revenues and by State Dept activities which do not take into account extensive local knowledge. In particular from my perspective the increased subdivision of land has not just destroyed character and local environments but has increased the risk of catastrophic fires not only by increasing the number of properties and people at risk but also, particularly in formerly closed canopy tracts of bush subdivision leads to the opening up of the understory to increased hazardous growth and wind passage in turn exponentially increasing the risk of whole forest fire destruction and the consequent collateral damage to the newly developed housing and infrastructure and the lives of those who have purchased such tracts.

I hope you will take these risks into an informed account when framing any changes to the existing subdivision regulations. Every degradation is one more step, a loss that cannot be reversed. Peoples lives matter more than their lifestyle.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad