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Committee Members
The Planning and Design Code - Productive Economy
Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing in response to the Productive Economy Paper.

Eudunda Farmers operates 21 supermarkets in regional towns in South Australia. There are 17 Foodlands, 3 IGAs and a Foodworks.

Eudunda Farmers has a significant interest in making sure the planning regulations operate in a way that is positive for South Australia.

A major problem in the past has been the approval of retail development outside of the existing town centres. This kind of development has a detrimental effect on the small businesses which rely on the large businesses to draw the customers to the area.

An example is Mannum where the 'Old Main Street' has suffered a 50% fall in traffic as a result of a 'New Retail Centre' located over 2kms away. The 'Old Main Street' now has lots of vacant shops which are unlikely to ever be leased again.

The planning regulations need to ensure development works for the whole community and not just the new developer.

Eudunda Farmers is a member of SA Independent Retailers and supports their position and submission on this matter.

Yours sincerely
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