For the Attention of the Planning Reform Submissions Department:

It is impossible for members of the public to respond to your deadline of 28 February 2020 for community feedback on the draft Code because the 3000+ pages of documentation, and the online information system, are inaccessible and incomprehensible for most people.

More time needs to be allowed for what appears to be a shambles to become a much more responsible, knowledgeable, orderly and concise process. Our properties, streets, suburbs and precious green spaces need protection from unscrupulous, greedy developers who seem to have no compunction about adding to the growing trend of the uglification of Adelaide. Inappropriate housing infill that does not respect a harmonious existing streetscape is seen far too often. Existing property owners and land owners need certainty and transparency about the future, which will maintain their confidence. We need a Minister of Planning who is already an expert on the topic, and not a beginner!

We as the public need to know that the government has a strong sense of responsibility about and wants to protect Adelaide's precious history, heritage and character - they are the reasons we want to live here, they are why visitors come here, and they make our city and suburbs among the most liveable in the world. Trees need our protection, and should not just be regarded as objects to be knocked over if they are in the way of yet another inappropriate, ugly development. If necessary, we can build around them!

Please re-draft the Planning and Design Code to make it considerably shorter, much more comprehensible in its readability, and make the online function understandable and workable for the average person. Please seek expert help in this, if necessary using consultant assistance from interstate with appropriate experience and accreditation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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