Hi

I would like to provide comments on the current planning reform proposals, in particular regarding development applications for new buildings and subdivisions.

It is important to consider climate change and the measures that can be taken to reduce the effects of climate change on communities. As such, I would like to see a clause that prevents large trees from being removed by developers. Large trees provide a significant amount of shade and therefore cool the areas around them. This can be seen clearly from urban heat maps. It would also be good to see a requirement for a specified proportion of green space at each new property, which would contain grass and/or native plants.

With regard to the construction of individual buildings, it would be good to see the use of greywater recycling used for toilet flushing etc. and additional requirements for insulation which would reduce reliance on heating and cooling.

Thanks for your time

Regards

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