This Submission is provided on behalf of the Friends of the City of Unley Society Inc. (FOCUS), a Community Organisation concerned with the heritage, inappropriate development, environment and amenity in the local Council area of Unley.

Warren Jones AO. President. FOCUS. (12/3/19)

Our major concerns are as follows:
1. The protection of local heritage buildings, contributory items and significant trees. These are key issues for FOCUS and the City of Unley.
2. The SPC will override Council determinations on zoning and maximum height limits in the interests of Developers, rather than the local Community.
3. The SPC can bypass the Council Assessment Panel in the assessment and approval of building developments higher than three storeys and greater than $5 million in value.
4. The Deemed Consent process for Applications limits a Council’s ability to influence developments that are detrimental to Community amenity and environment.
5. There is insufficient protection against the unlawful demolition of protected single storey buildings and significant trees.
6. The effective elimination of local Community Representations in development assessment and decision making.