SUBMISSION ON PLANNING & DESIGN CODE - PHASE 3 (City of Burnside)

In response to the draft Planning and Design Code – Phase 3, which is currently out for public consultation, I wish to register my strong objections to the following issues:

- **Public Notification**
  The Code should reflect the City of Burnside’s current Development Plan policy with respect to the notification of neighbours and the public. The Code should include notification for all development that increases development intensity, including additional dwellings on the site, two storey development, earthworks where new dwelling is located 600mm above ground level, and change of use from residential to non-residential.

- **All Existing Residential Areas**
  a) **Siting and Setbacks**: Under the Code, building setbacks from side and rear boundaries will noticeably decrease, particularly at upper levels. I feel this is totally unacceptable and has the potential to impact upon our privacy. The Code should include notification for all development that could impact on privacy. Existing siting, setback and floor area criteria should be maintained throughout all our residential areas.
  b) **Density and Allotment Sizes**: The draft Code contains a number of errors and omissions. It is important that current minimum allotment sizes, heights and frontage widths match existing.

- **Commercial Centres**
  The Code places large scale centres in the same zone as small local shops, allowing large scale development and more intensive land uses throughout all these areas. This is inappropriate. A hierarchy of centres should be maintained. Additional zone(s) are needed to cater for the lower intensity local centres, particularly in older established areas.

- **Tree Canopy and Climate Resilience**
  The 30-Year Plan calls for an increase in tree canopy cover, however, the draft Code works directly against this by facilitating larger developments and the easier removal of trees on both private and public land. This will result in a significant reduction in canopy cover, habitat loss and climate resilience, due to the increased infill development opportunities, reduction in minimum site areas, site coverage, setbacks and increased number of street crossovers.
  Unless the above issues are addressed and the draft Code is amended to reflect these concerns, there will be an unacceptable loss of local character and amenity in my neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely
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