Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed code.

I am in opposition to having our suburb reclassified as General neighborhood and would highly recommend it be classified as Suburban Neighborhood zone. Having lived in the area for 30 years I have observed some development of high density development with concerns. I have observed trees come down, the effects it has had on wild life, heritage houses demolished. I observe the increase of street parking.

We have a strong sense of community and a great deal of character here in Black Forest. I observe young families that have moved into the area and think about the children’s future here.

With the proposed changes, I can only see the degradation of our beautiful and natural environment. I therefore ask that Councils who know and understand local areas retain decision making instead of a government.

I invite the Minister to visit Black Forest, I would be happy to make a cup of tea/coffee and take him for a walk and reflect. Decisions can be changed, acknowledging and respecting the voice of the people is true demonstration of Consumer consultation.

With all this in mind, I ask Parliament to extend an extension before finalising proposed amendments to ensure errors and omissions do not see their way through to actual development which would be terrible/devastating to our community.

Yours in caring about Black Forest.

Paola Mason