The proposed planning reforms pay no regard to those who live work and participate in communities in this state.

Access to the maps and legislation by the community to view and comment has been arranged in a way that restricts rather than enhances the ability of those affected to understand and comment.

The process of community meetings appears to have been managed and opinions of those attending not recorded. Thus the consultations might be seen as the ticking off of a process box only and not a gathering of views or useful information exchange.

The changes to our suburbs and countryside and Hills permitted by proposed reforms will irretrievably alter and reduce the general amenity, surroundings and cultural values of the population causing a great loss to this place and to its standing as a destination.

At this time in South Australia’s development a far ranging consultation of our values as a community and how we want to live, how much open space we need. Where are the truly significant and meaningful places and landscapes we want to keep free from development. Where and how we should implement higher density housing, what obligations regarding building quality, sustainability, tree and green space requirements for developments and housing for less advantaged, the list goes on, should all be up for consideration and entirely new legislation produced. The present arrangements could continue in the interim. Please advise how this submission is being recorded and how the submissions are to be handled.

Yours faithfully
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