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Hi

I wish to provide my feedback about the current and proposed changes to the planning decisions.

I do not wish to have my name made publicly available

I am opposed to the current planning regulations which permit ongoing demolition of sound houses in our suburbs.

My suburb is being progressively destroyed with many many character houses being demolished and the gardens are being razed to the ground with all greenery including large trees being ripped from the ground.

This practice alone is the equivalent of suburban vandalism and is adding to the greenhouse gases and global warming which is causing climate change.

Demolition creates unacceptable pollution in our environment and should be ceased on the basis of the unacceptable level of carbon generation alone.

Demolition has a far reaching negative effect on the environment in general and specifically there are many negative effects on the micro environment. Insect life bird life and small mammal and lizard life in established gardens is destroyed when a house and garden are demolished. The suburb suffers irreversible changes to its ambience and character houses disappear along with the history of the area. Residents suffer the vile and traumatic experience of massive trucks and noise when a house is demolished similar to the noise and trauma in a war zone. Residents also suffer with no right to object to demolition and almost always have no knowledge a property will be demolished until the day the trucks turn up and this is frequently on a Sunday.

Residents suffer from the total removal of a long standing property from their street and are given no notification, no right to appeal the decision to demolish and no environmental agencies are on site to supervise proper management of dust, toxic substances or the appropriate and safe process for trucks and other vehicles to enter and exit the street.

All of this is left for the residents to endure and experience with no on site supervision and controls by the appropriate agencies.

Filth, dust, pollution from vehicles, extraordinary noise and invasion of the street are some of the negative experiences residents suffer when a property is destroyed in the street during demolition.

When a block of land is then left and the dirt turns to dust and blows around the area the next problems emerge, both environmental problems and health problems for residents and who wants a vacant block of dirt in their street for 6 months with the dust blowing around and no precautions taken by the owner to control the dust or compensate the residents.

Residents experience health problems, both physical and emotional, have to constantly clean dust from their own properties, have dust and toxic substances in clouds in the air and this then settles and also blows into residents properties including into gutters fouling rainwater tanks etc just to give one example. Residents also have to tolerate the ugly visual effect of the after effect of a demolished property and garden and residents suffer the permanent loss of ambience in their area.

Residents who live in established suburbs live there for a reason - they do not want to have building and demolition work going on, this is the point of an established suburb and it has been completely destroyed over the years.

I am opposed to the SA Govt approach to planning because it is allowing this demolition everywhere and has ridden rough shod over resident rights to stop demolition and protect our streets and suburbs and is aiding and abetting demolition and inappropriate building.

Under the current and proposed approaches resident have and will have no rights at all

except ironically to demolish their own property.

The SA Govt attitude is appalling

I call for a moratorium on demolition and a full public enquiry into the current effects of demolition council area by council area.

Demolition is a nasty destructive and environmentally unsound practice which results in very nasty houses being constructed which do not meet any satisfactory environmental standards and are generally a blight on the local street.

The current and proposed planning regulations fail to ensure residents have rights to protect their streets and the suburb they live in and cannot be supported in any way.

thank you