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My submission relates to Urban code. (click here for council areas)

Q2 Please provide your contact details below (Name, Postcode & Email are mandatory) Please be advised that your submission will be made publicly available on the SA Planning Portal.

Name
Daniel

Your Council Area
Norwood Payneham St Peters

Postcode
5070

Email Address

Q3 Which sector do you associate yourself with?
General Public

Q4 Would you like to make comment on

Specific Topics for example:
- Rules of Interpretation
- Zones and Sub-zones
- Overlays
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Q5 Enter your feedback for Rules of Interpretation
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