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Q1 Which part of the Planning and Design Code would you like to make a submission about? (Please click the circle to select which part of the Code you wish to comment on. You can also see which council areas are included in the rural and urban code via the links below.)

My submission relates to Statewide code

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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.

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Address: 
Your Council Area: Adelaide
Suburbs/Town: Adelaide
State: SA
Postcode: 5000
Email Address: 

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Q3 Which sector do you associate yourself with?

Business

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Q4 Would you like to make comment on

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5 Enter your feedback for Rules of Interpretation
Respondent skipped this question

Q6 Enter your feedback for Referrals
Respondent skipped this question

Q7 Enter your feedback for Mapping
Respondent skipped this question

Q8 Enter your feedback for Table of Amendments
Respondent skipped this question

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Q9 Please enter your feedback for overlays click next at the bottom of the page for next topic
Respondent skipped this question

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Q10 Please enter your feedback for zones and subzones click next at the bottom of the page for next topic
Respondent skipped this question

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Q11 Please enter your feedback for general policy click next at the bottom of the page for next topic
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Q12 Please enter your feedback for Land use Definitions click next at the bottom of the page for next topic
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Q13 Please enter your feedback for Admin Definitions click next at the bottom of the page for next topic
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Q14 Please enter your general feedback here

I urge the Planning Commission to make sure that the P&D Code is the best it can be.

Having reflected on the P+D Code, I concerned that numerous recommendations do not fully support or value the importance of trees and vegetation in our cities and neighbourhoods in managing climate change, urban heat island effects and the management of stormwater.

It is alarming when minimum standards are used in our new planning system. The P&D Code must exceed best practice and provide stretch targets to be reached by this generation as well as the next.

Both the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and Institute of Architects have declared a climate emergency, reflecting a global push for urgent affirmative action on climate change.

With an increasing focus on climate change and our need to adapt, I am concerned that the direction of the Code ignores what has to be achieved across our state in the next few decades. I worry that the P&D Code is not pushing the boundaries and may fail to offer the solutions that are so desperately needed.

I acknowledge that the new planning system must be many things to many people and should consider existing issues such as parking, overlooking and character. However, the future planning and design of residential infill development, as well as other forms of development, must be seen as the solution, and not simply the rectification of old and outdated problems.

There need to be incentives for good and exceptional design, not for business as usual. The ‘deemed to satisfy’ pathway, should reward the best outcomes—the better the outcome, the faster the approval. Speeding up approvals for base-level outcomes in the current ‘climate change’ context is counter-intuitive.

We know that if we are to mitigate a hotter Adelaide, trees and vegetation are the most effective, large scale, systematic solution we have at hand. The Code must encourage the greening of our suburbs and cities as quickly as possible and ensure that the development of a resilient and healthy South Australia in the future.

I know that the Planning Commission is under increasing pressure from all sides and all sectors, especially with the Phase 3 delayed release of the Code, but this is the moment to take stock and provide inspiring leadership for the future of South Australia.

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Q15 Do you have any attachments to upload?(pdf only)  
Respondent skipped this question