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 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.

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Q3 Which sector do you associate yourself with?
General Public

Q4 Would you like to make comment on
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Q14 Please enter your general feedback here

For a long time now I have been extremely disturbed by the intensive redevelopment in my suburb, Klemzig and every other area I visit around the State.

Blocks that had one house on them, with room for a substantial garden and play area for children have been subdivided on every street into at minimum 2 and in many cases 3 or 4 blocks. Walls touching, no room for ANY greenery, insufficient room for car parking.

The absence of greenery will not help to mitigate global warming and gets rid of calming spaces and children's play areas. Common boundary walls lead to lack of privacy and an increase in disputes between neighbours. On Fourth Avenue, Klemzig, there will be about 30 two storey units (or they will probably call them beautiful townhouses) on the site that was once just a half of Klemzig Primary school. That will be about 60 more cars all trying to access Fourth Avenue which is already very busy. There will not even be any room for visitors cars at each unit so they have built a special carpark presumably for visitors (or maybe they already know that the residents will not have room for their own cars on their own properties). Another example of incredibly bad planning is the Saint Clair area. When there are sporting events there for junior soccer there are absolutely no areas for the parents to park their cars other than on the very narrow roads there. There is not even enough room for two way traffic between the parked cars. And the new extremely high buildings currently under construction in the city are another abomination. Who wants a city like Sydney or New York. Much better to have a city like Paris. It seems that the only ones really getting what they want are the developers who are making fortunes and not thinking of livability of the city and suburbs. To say that all people want these days are these high rise, small block homes is false. The reason why people buy them is because there are no alternatives.

Then there are subdivisions like Lochiel Park, nearby here, where sustainability is lauded. You would think that if this is what the future developments should be like, then why are not the developers forced to make all the other developments like this one. Although even here the blocks are too small to enable reasonable gardens to be created.

If you are going to allow such small blocks the developers must be forced to put aside a block area after every three or four blocks just for a recreation, play and vegetation area.

Planning should not only concern building blocks either. Adelaide's roads are now becoming so congested I hate to drive on them in either morning or evening peak periods. (Luckily I don't have to much any more). There seems to be a huge contradiction between spending a fortune on upgrading roads like South Road and encouraging more traffic when public transport would be a much more sensible option (and cycling). This is particularly relevant when cars may not be the way to go in the very near future. There doesn't seem to be any intelligent decision making around a more long term vision for the State. And don't get me started on the hotel at Adelaide Oval. If that is not a free kick to the developers then I don't know what is.

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Q15 Do you have any attachments to upload?(pdf only) 

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