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 General comments
Q14 Please enter your general feedback here

My key concerns involve 3 main areas. Poor planning for future climate and energy needs -1) I would like the code to prevent dark roofs (which are increasing urban heat banks) and require solar panels as standard. I am concerned for the physical well being of people living in small hot boxes surrounded by concrete, and annoyed that the energy they will consume is taking grid energy from hospitals, the elderly and disabled who may require extra energy, which is why it should be mandatory. 2) Size of sites and vegetation. The code requires 15% soft landscaping for site under 200m, 20% for 201-450m and 25% for sites over 450m- this should be reversed or be 20-25% for all sites. Smaller sites have greater need for vegetation for cooling and mental health benefits. New developments of more than 3 dwellings must incorporate shared garden spaces to improve community and mental health. 3) Flexibility - planning and design code across the state needs to allow for non standard designs, including composting toilets, 2-3 small dwellings (eg tiny houses, granny flat and 2 caravans) on a block with shared communal spaces and the flexibility to allow non standard but fit for purpose dwelling configurations. Finally- significant trees MUST be retained. We live in a suburban area, with 3 old gum trees across 3 blocks (the last stand in the neighborhood). The largest of these trees shades up to 4 yards until midday - reducing the need for airconditioning even on 40 degree days, as well as providing food and habitat for birds, possums, flying foxes and owls. We must improve REAL community consultation and consider future multispecies heath and well being in the planning and design code. (Years ago, development applications were stuck in the front yard so that neighbouring properties influenced by future shading etc.. could comment- why and when did this end?)

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