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To whom it may concern

I did not have a chance to attend a community consultation session about the new planning laws but I am very concerned about the loss of canopy, biodiversity and green space in the urban area. I live in Rostrevor and have been appalled by the type of housing that is going up all around the suburbs which removes almost all of the vegetation and fills the space with either buildings or impervious hard surfaces.

I have seen Water Sensitive SA's submission and I think they have made many very important points which I trust you will take on board.


In this time when we are facing a climate emergency our planning laws should be trying to reverse the acceleration of the warming of our cities and planet.

The laws should ensure developers use best practice to maintain as much canopy as possible, use permeable surfaces for water to infiltrate rather than running off to create problems with stormwater, and design developments so as to foster community with communal greenspace. Canopy loss due to infill should be offset with council land purchases set aside for more public space that is designed to improve biodiversity and give native flora and fauna space to flourish.

Housing should also meet standards so that energy consumption is reduced e.g. proper insulation, eaves for window shading, passive solar design etc.

I sincerely hope that sensible decisions will be made that improve rather than impoverish our lives.

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