Dear DPTI Planning Engagement

I have a late submission relating to the Draft Planning and Design Code for the Medindie Historic Area in Walkerville. I am a property owner in the area.

Page 9, at the row labelled “Fencing” states that “There is a distinctive lack of high, solid fencing and/or the use of open design of large gates to access long driveways has enabled the principal elevation of the historic homes and landscaped grounds to be visible from the public roads”.

(Grammatical errors in the original.)

While it is not clear what ‘distinctive’ is intended to mean in this context, if it is intended to mean that it is a distinguishing characteristic of the area, this is at best an exaggeration and at worst misleading or simply incorrect. There are some properties with this feature (“lack of high, solid fencing and/or the use of open design of large gates [such that] homes and landscaped grounds [are] visible from the public roads ”) but it is not generally true of properties in the area. Depending on the street it might be 50/50 but if someone were to take the time to count it is probably more high solid fencing (or high hedges) than not.

The statement in the draft Code should be corrected.

This should be done notwithstanding that the date for submissions may have passed.

Kind regards

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