

From: [Kerrie Davies](#)
To: [DPTI:Planning Reform Submissions](#) Draft
Subject: Planning Code
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This message is to protest against the proposal that, under the new draft Planning Code, Linden Park should be considered a *General Neighbourhood Zone*. It should be considered as a *Suburban Neighbourhood Zone*.

I am disgusted that, at a time when climate change is increasingly evident (bush-fires, melting of polar icecaps, hurricanes etc), the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is proposing changes to minimum allotment sizes and front boundary setbacks that will result in more infill and less opportunity for growth of bushes and gardens. I have not mentioned trees, as most current blocks with huge houses on them do not allow for their growth. Without trees and gardens, summers will be even hotter, and suburbs will lose visual appeal. Mental health issues will worsen, as there is a strong link between mental health and the ability to 'get into' nature. Linden Park, the suburb, is already short on open space and trees for recreation and wandering.

I am a resident of Linden Park, and am already noticing that traffic problems are increasing. What provisions/proposals does the Department have to limit parking on streets and to reduce speeds? To say that the Department does not consider such issues in their proposals would be a cop-out.

The Department will be aware that for some years now schools in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide have been experiencing severe over-crowding. The proposal to make Linden Park a *General Neighbourhood Zone* will only exacerbate that problem. There is no open space left for a new school in the area – so what is to happen? Extra classrooms, with staggered play-times to avoid accidents in over-crowded playgrounds? Or long commutes for parents to less-crowded schools in other suburbs?

I urge the Department to consider Linden Park as a *Suburban Neighbourhood Zone*.

With thanks

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From: [Kerrie Davies](#)
To: [DPC:Premier](#)
Subject: draft Planning Code
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Dear Premier,

I am writing to ask that you intervene in whatever way possible to amend the new draft Planning Code of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. In particular, I urge that the proposal that Linden Park should be considered a *General Neighbourhood Zone* should be abandoned. It should be a *Suburban Neighbourhood Zone*.

I am disappointed that, at a time when climate change is increasingly evident (bush-fires, melting of polar icecaps, hurricanes etc), the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is proposing changes to minimum allotment sizes and front boundary setbacks that will result in more infill and less opportunity for growth of bushes and gardens. I have not mentioned trees, as most current blocks with huge houses on them do not allow for their growth. Without trees and gardens, summers will be even hotter, and suburbs will lose visual appeal. At present, Burnside City Council has about 30% tree coverage, which I understand is the level that your Government is aiming to achieve for Adelaide. It seems that there is conflict between this aim and the new Planning Code. Given the strong link between mental health and the ability to 'get into' nature, mental health issues will worsen. Linden Park, the suburb, is already short on open space and trees for recreation and wandering.

I am a resident of Linden Park, and am already noticing that traffic problems are increasing on our narrow roads. What provisions/proposals does the Department have to limit parking on streets and to reduce speeds? It seems that the Department has not considered these issues in their Planning Code.

You will be aware that for some years now schools in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide have been experiencing severe over-crowding. The proposal to make Linden Park a *General Neighbourhood Zone* will only exacerbate that problem for Linden Park Primary School and the Glenunga International High School. There is no open space left for a new school in the area – so what is to happen? Extra classrooms, with staggered play-times to avoid accidents in over-crowded playgrounds? Or long commutes for parents to less-crowded schools in other suburbs?

I recently received an invitation to attend a high tea for Liberal party supporters. While grateful for this, the apparent attitude of the Liberal Party to the proposed changes is not encouraging me to contribute to the Playford Trust and I will not attend the high tea. I understand the Government's wish to simplify the planning code, but believe that the proposed 'one standard fits all' approach is counter-productive. I urge you to re-consider.

With thanks

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