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 Statewide code

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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Your Council Area
Mount Barker Council

Suburbs/Town
Hahndorf

State
SA

Postcode
5245

Country
Australia

Email Address

Q3 Which sector do you associate yourself with?
General Public

Q4 Would you like to make comment on
General comments
Q5 Enter your feedback for Rules of Interpretation  Respondent skipped this question

Q6 Enter your feedback for Referrals  Respondent skipped this question

Q7 Enter your feedback for Mapping  Respondent skipped this question

Q8 Enter your feedback for Table of Amendments  Respondent skipped this question

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Q9 Please enter your feedback for overlays click next at the bottom of the page for next topic  Respondent skipped this question

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Q10 Please enter your feedback for zones and subzones click next at the bottom of the page for next topic  Respondent skipped this question

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Q11 Please enter your feedback for general policy click next at the bottom of the page for next topic  Respondent skipped this question

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Q12 Please enter your feedback for Land use Definition click next at the bottom of the page for next topic  Respondent skipped this question

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Q13 Please enter your feedback for Admin Definitions click next at the bottom of the page for next topic  Respondent skipped this question

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To Whom It May Concern,

I refer to your letter dated 31/1/2020, re the draft Planning and Design Code. I have read several documents summarizing sections of the CODE and have attended on two occasions where an explanation of the CODE was provided.

While the ‘online system’ may have some advantage for Government, I consider this option will disenfranchise many communities. The talk of equality, fairness and consistency is ‘pie in the sky talk’.

Most communities value their integrity and uniqueness. They do not want to be the same. They all have different histories, with their own valued heritage and heritage buildings from the past, and their own aspirations for the future. Councils have often, over many years, devised their planning codes to accommodate their specific communities. This cannot work when imposed by a central planning authority.

This is especially the case with regards to a communities ‘built heritage’. Much more is at stake than ‘just another building’. Irrespective of the number of so called ‘Overlays, which may or may not require some oversight by an architect, they will not achieve a satisfactory outcome for the community if there is no transparency of the application to the public.

We require a billboard on site, detailing the application, notice to neighbours and suitable time for public to respond.

The draft CODE overlooks the fact that the Australian community as a whole has a vested interest (to varying degree) in the built heritage of this State.

This is particularly so with Hahndorf, the most visited tourist town in South Australia. People come for many reasons; the heritage buildings, the character and early family connections with the towns.

They are often concerned, even disgusted, with the way that ‘heritage advisors’, through Council, have overseen a gradual deterioration of all that made Hahndorf ‘attractive’ to them.

Centralised ‘Heritage advice’ is often myopic, out of touch with community wisdom, and of marginal value. Communities need to have input into planning decisions affecting them, their heritage, and their future well-being.

The CODE needs major adjustments to facilitate the above.

your sincerely
Sarenah Gallasch