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SUBMISSION TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PLANNING AND DESIGN CODE - PHASE 3 CITY OF PROSPECT

To whom it may concern

The purpose of this letter is to lodge our objections to the proposed changes to the planning and design code – phase 3 City of Prospect.

We are homeowners in the area where the changes are proposed and have the following objections to the proposal.

We live in a 350 zone in the City of Prospect. The new draft Code transfers this into a 300 General neighbourhood zone allowing greater intensity of development than what currently exists. The current 350 zone focuses on preserving character. It does not envisage a greater range and intensity of development than the 300 block size. With Prospect Council's three major roads as Urban Transport Corridors with high rise infill development, we understand we would not be required to have matching infill in our residential streets. We request that you move our 350 residential area into the Suburban Neighbourhood zone with Technical and Numeric Variations to match existing conditions.

Currently shops, offices and educational establishments are non-complying in Prospect Council's residential streets. The draft code will allow this development in all residential streets and negatively impact on traffic, parking, neighbours amenity, noise and liveability. It will completely change our suburbs' character which we want to protect. This is not acceptable and these developments should be restricted developments in residential streets i.e. not allowed.

Under the proposed Code, building setbacks from both side and rear boundaries will noticeably decrease, particularly at the second storey. This will severely impact amenity and privacy. We ask that existing site cover, set back and floor area criteria should be maintained throughout all Prospect Council's residential areas. It is important that our current minimum allotment sizes, heights and frontages widths match what currently exists in each zone.

Contributory items (currently in Historic Conservation zones) need to be retained in the new Code. This needs to be done by using policy. Removing them from the current Code altogether will result in uncertainty and confusion for owners, neighbours and prospective buyers. Removal of contributory items is likely to lead to demolition. Retain existing protections and identification of contributory items.

The Code places large scale centres and small local shops in the same zone, allowing large scale development and more intensive land uses in all these small areas. This would create complex problems with narrow streets leading into small groups of local shops. A hierarchy of centres should be kept with additional zones needed to cater for lower intensity local shops in older established areas.

The Code should include notification for all development that increases development intensity, including additional dwellings on the site, two storey developments, earthworks where the new dwelling is located 600mm above ground level and change of use from residential to non-residential.

The SA Government 30 Year Plan calls for increasing tree canopy cover. However, the draft Code's larger developments and easier tree removal on private and public land will lead to significant reduction in tree cover and habitat loss. The draft Code's Increased infill development, reduction in minimum site areas, site coverage setbacks and increased number of street crossovers will all contribute to heat bank effect. This is an unacceptable loss of local character and amenity in my/our neighbourhood.

We are very concerned by the complete lack of open and transparent consultation in regard to this matter. We were alerted to these proposed changes by our neighbours which is simply not good enough. This must be rectified going forward.

Yours Sincerely

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