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Subject: Natural Resources and Environment Policy Discussion Paper

Hi,

We missed your 3 December deadline for feedback on the Policy Discussion Paper but hope you will still give consider to our views.

The Paper poses the question “What role should the planning system play regarding preservation of sunlight to solar panels from adjacent development?”

It is good to see how the question is framed. It is not asking whether it should play a role. It is asking what role. So it does have a role. If it didn't, common law action is the only other course of remedy. This is costly and generally does not provide timely resolution. There is no valid reason for the planning system not to deal with the issue of overshadowing. In terms of issues, energy generation from sources other than non-renewables has been right up there in terms of issues that will impact communities in the future. There are plenty of precedences around the world of legislation and regulation of this issue.

In terms of its role, the system should be doing everything possible to encourage on site collection of energy and to provide protection to those who have made a solar system investment.

We will shortly experience the impact of overshadowed of a solar system. We will lose sixty percent of our solar capacity as a result of an adjoining development in the City of Adelaide. The solution to our dilemma is simple. Relocate our panels on the roof of the new three storey dwelling at the developer's cost. In other words leave us in the same position as we were in prior to the development. Unfortunately the current planning system does not provide for this. Another approach is to require the developer to purchase access for us to a remote solar system.

When you consider the uplift in land value provided by the rezoning of the land which now allows the development, these are not an unreasonable requirements.

We look forward to continuing to contribute to the design of a planning system that encourages citizens to act responsibly towards energy generation and consumption.

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