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Submission
Dept of Planning,

I'd like to take the opportunity to voice my concerns about the SEPP.

Clear guidelines should be proposed by the SEPP in accordance with government led principles produced through working alongside independent parties for the community and environment in towns and cities and not through developer ideology where non-binding principles are used and developers seeking a minimum cost for their returns and taking advantage of loopholes.
The current proposed policy surrenders our environment and liveability to the private sector. It's an abrogation of responsibility by the state government to present and future generations.

Some key points that need to be included:
* Ensure high quality tree retention, tree canopy and open space targets are mandatory and can't be offset by weak alternatives. Providing greater shade to reduce heat islands produced by concrete, asphalt, roofing and fences.
* Maintain and promote green space on private and public spaces to ensure habitat for local wildlife populations and diversity such as birds, insects, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.
* Maintain, improve and enforce BASIX including its energy targets (or an alternative higher national standard) for housing and commercial developments.
* Recognise that climate change is an urgent challenge and should not be diverted into vague pathways that will avoid essential emission reduction and delivery targets.
* Reject the flexibility approach as it invites trade-offs and undermining of fundamental goals. We need to achieve best practice at all times and inject certainty for industry and the community.
* Provide more green space in the form of parks and nature reserves for community recreational use. These parks are important for the community to have access to, especially in built up areas with an abundance of apartments. These spaces provide areas for fitness activities as well as crucial for mental health.

Thank you.

I agree to the above statement
Yes