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Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Greens Response

Topic	Greens Response
Government Agency for Green Infrastructure	The Greens are supportive of a dedicated agency and policy to plan, manage and monitor our green spaces with clear and measurable targets. We believe that ecologically sustainable development, climate change impacts, and social equity must be primary considerations underlying all planning decisions. This initiative has the potential to transform South Australia for the better, increase our green spaces and canopy, protect biodiversity, and improve the aesthetic of our streets. The links between increased green spaces, improved mental health, and addressing climate change are well established therefore it is in everyone's best interests to protect and increase green infrastructure.
Trees	We have so many big, beautiful, and important trees right across South Australia that not only provide shade and canopy cover for us but also homes for animals. Many of these trees are hundreds of years old and simply cannot be replaced, they must be protected. The Greens are supportive of all the initiatives listed which will provide greater protection for trees and believe that these are sensible measures to achieve these protections. Recently we announced our proposal for an Urban Greening Project in which we want to plant 2.5 million trees over 10 years or 250,000 trees a year. We not only need to protect well-established trees that we have left but ensure that there are new trees continuously being planted right across the state.
Better Streets	The Greens fully support the creation of an active transport plan and understand the many benefits of not only encouraging people to use more active forms of transport but making it safe and accessible to do so. In February, we announced our plan for a cycling revolution. This plan includes: an additional \$20 million



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	<p>over 4 years to the State Bike Fund to develop a low stress local street network; fund state-wide cycling education for school-age children; expanding on-road and off-road infrastructure; investments into secure bike storage; and establishing a Walking and Cycling Commissioner. We believe that promoting active transport is vitally important, but we need to ensure that there is sufficient investment in the relevant infrastructure, so cyclists feel safe on the roads. As we make these investments there is also the opportunity to improve our streets in other ways, such as providing more green space and improving our canopy cover, introduce water sensitive designs, and protect habitats and biodiversity. We believe that all these factors should be integrated into our planning system and planning guides for South Australia and are happy to hear the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects also sees this as a priority.</p>
Designing on Country	<p>The Greens recognise the importance of ensuring First Nations communities are included in the design of state funded infrastructure to ensure that they are culturally appropriate and welcoming space for all. This is done by collaborating with First Nations Landscape Architects and providing the funding so such projects are able to be completed. The Greens are happy to support this initiative.</p>