

To: [Legislation Scrutiny Committee](#)
Subject: Planning Amendment Bill 2020
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Dear Legislative Scrutiny Committee,

There appears to me to be NO reason why the concept of “amenity” should be excluded from the fundamental objects of the proposed new Act.

In the Planning Act of 1999 section 2A(2)(e) relating to Objects of the Act reads “minimising adverse impacts of development on existing amenity and, wherever possible, ensuring that amenity is enhanced as a result of development;”

“Amenity” in that Act is defined as “amenity, in relation to a locality or building, means any quality, condition or factor that makes or contributes to making the locality or building harmonious, pleasant or enjoyable”.

I was advised by DIPL staff that it was because “amenity” does not apply in industrial areas! Of course it applies but with different parameters to those that may apply in residential areas.

Why do we plan at all if it is not for the benefit of this and future generations....that is citizens, not just developers.

I do hope that we see evidence of government listening to ordinary people by the inclusion of this important and fundamental Object.

Yours sincerely
Sue Bradley AM