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ABOUT SPASA

The Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Australia (SPASA) is the peak industry body representing the interests of the swimming pool and spa industry. As the voice of the industry, SPASA represents pool builders, manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, technical servicemen, subcontractors, installers, consultants and other allied trades, all of whom set themselves apart from the rest of the industry by setting standards of skill, workmanship and ethical business behaviour in the best interests of pool and spa owners.

SPASA is also a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that provides training and assessment to the swimming pool and spa industry. Our courses are designed in consultation with key industry stakeholders and our qualifications and accreditations are highly valued by government, employers and the wider community.

Draft Regulation

SPASA broadly supports the *Draft Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) (Development Assessment) Variation Regulations 2019* and feedback is limited to areas of concern.

3F Significant Trees and 65 Regulated and Significant Trees

The Australian backyard has been shrinking for decades due to an increasing population, affordability issues, subdivisions and high-density development. South Australia has not been immune to this phenomenon.

Any additional tree and distance restrictions will have a significant effect on the local swimming pool and spa industry.

SPASA Submits that regulations concerning significant trees should not apply for the construction of swimming pools and spas.

Pumps/Filters/Equipment

The requirement is that swimming pool pumps, filters and equipment must be enclosed in a solid structure that will have a material impact on the transmission of noise and not within 5 metres of a dwelling located on an adjoining allotment.

These prescriptive requirements inhibit the freedom for the development of innovative technical methods or solutions in meeting required outcomes.

SPASA Submits that the term “Solid Structures” is far too prescriptive and may not allow for:

- Pumps with sound dampening casing and base
- Silent/Low Noise pump units
- Sound proof or acoustic enclosures or arrangements
- Noise reduction pool pump equipment covers
- Acoustic Screening
- Performance based solutions

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