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## Exhibit

### Inquiry into ACT's heritage arrangements

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Dear Dr Paterson

**Re: Inquiry into ACT's heritage arrangements**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for consideration in this Inquiry. I provide this submission on behalf of DOCOMOMO Australia.

DOCOMOMO Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers involved in architecture, academia and conservation. DOCOMOMO Australia upholds the aims and objectives of DOCOMOMO International, established in the Netherlands in 1990 to draw attention to the plight of some pioneering early modern buildings which were decaying for lack of a current use.

DOCOMOMO aims to increase awareness of Modern architecture, urbanism and landscapes by researching, documenting, lobbying and educating. DOCOMOMO promotes the exchange of knowledge about this important legacy through its national working parties in over 50 countries around the world. DOCOMOMO's main goals are to :-

- Bring the significance of the Modern Movement to the attention of the public, the authorities, the professions and the educational community
- Identify and promote the surveying of the works of the Modern Movement
- Promote the conservation and (re)use of buildings and sites of the Modern Movement
- Oppose destruction and disfigurement of significant works
- Foster and disseminate the development of appropriate techniques and methods of conservation and adaptive (re)use
- Attract funding for documentation, conservation and (re)use
- Explore and develop new ideas for the future of a sustainable built environment based on the past experiences of the Modern Movement

The ACT is fortunate to contain many Modern Movement buildings and landscapes which are exemplars of the early modern era in Australia.

Docomomo Australia has a particular interest in policies and processes that have the potential to protect buildings and landscapes of the early modern era in the ACT. Many such places currently have little if any protection and are becoming increasingly valued through community awareness and research and scholarship. Much remains to be done.

Docomomo Australia currently has a building register of important places worthy of protection in Australia covering most states and territories including the ACT.  
[https://docomomoaustralia.com.au/category/db\\_bld/](https://docomomoaustralia.com.au/category/db_bld/)

We would encourage the Standing Committee in its review of heritage arrangements in the ACT to :-

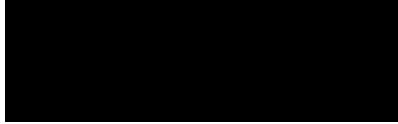
- a) Adequately resource the ACT Heritage Unit to ensure identification and recognition of buildings and landscapes of the early modern era is carried out properly and thoroughly by conducting thematic studies and consulting various stakeholder groups with a special interest in this field including Docomomo Australia; and

- b) Ensure interim protection measures are central to legislative structural reform as important buildings and landscapes of the early modern era usually have little or no protection until they are identified through proper research

Thank you again for your consideration of the views of Docomomo Australia on these important issues.

We would be happy to clarify anything further should you wish.

Yours faithfully



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