

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a resident of Canberra and also a member of the Brumbies. I support the Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No.307 Griffith - Change of Zoning. To my mind, the proposed development on the Brumbies' land at Austin Street is a unique opportunity to undertake an urban infill project as part of a balanced approach to developing Canberra and the quality of life for the broader community.

- I am encouraged by Government's foresight in looking to increase the availability and range of accommodation in the inner regions of Canberra. This sustainable approach to growth will ensure that these centres further develop their own character and reduce the strain on infrastructure development that comes with expanding only on the edges of the region. Personally, I look forward to the opportunity this development will provide me to move to this area of Canberra in the near future.
- The Brumbies are an important community institution and it is disappointing that a small section of the community choose to attack them for proposing to develop a dilapidated and failed bowling and licensed club site, into quality residential accommodation that would be welcomed by the overwhelming majority of residents of Canberra – particularly for those wanting to downsize and remain in Griffith and to those looking to move into this suburb but who prefer apartment living over large homes on large blocks at unaffordable prices.
- I write to let you know that despite the claims of a very small minority of fellow inner south residents, significant support exists for the Brumbies development in Griffith. As Australian's, we are generally an apathetic lot, particularly when it comes to providing formal and public endorsement of things for which we are already comfortable. We assume those in opposition will make their feelings known to the relevant decision making bodies and that those same decision making bodies will assume that everyone else doesn't have a problem. I hope that this is case regarding the Brumbies proposal and that the ACT Government view the opposition for what it is – a small minority of anti-development, anti-change individuals with little else to do with their time.
- I commend the Brumbies proposal to you and trust that you will appreciate that the vocal minority should never defeat the silent majority in the case of a development proposal that has been made on very sound planning principles and that has from what I understand been approved by ACTPLA after thorough consideration before being referred to the Minister and Planning Committee for their decision.
- I believe the wider population understands the needs of our city going forward and accepts that many residents either come to Canberra or having lived here a long time, want to live "more centrally". It would be a tragedy if the Manuka/Griffith suburban complex did not offer more apartments and town houses. It concerns me that almost 100% of those who have criticised the Brumbies proposed development at Austin Street are local residents who want the open space essentially as an extension of their own properties. A decision in favour of this proposed development will not be unpopular outside of the immediate area despite what is being said.
- I The Assembly's balanced approach and extensive consultation is to be commended. I trust that the Committee will act in the wider interests of Canberra and the Territory, and I hope you can support th is redevelopment proposal.

Thank you,

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