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Standing Committee on Planning and Environment Chair
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Dear Mr Gentleman,

I am writing to you to express my concern over the proposed development in the Molonglo Valley, and to urge you, through your chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, to ensure some changes.

In particular, I urge you to support the following development options for the Molonglo Valley:

- Exclude Central Molonglo from urban development forever;
- Create riverine and woodland reserves to conserve threatened biodiversity as well as provide recreational opportunities for new residents and future generations;
- Conserve a larger area of endangered Yellow Box-Red Gum Grassy Woodland, through an expanded Kama Reserve, adjoining buffer zones and rural lands with conservation leases;
- Ensure bushfire management zones are located outside Kama Reserve;
- Protect the lower Molonglo River corridor from flooding for a lake;
- Protect habitat of the threatened Pink-tailed Worm Lizard, woodland birds and birds of prey;
- Ensure that adequate open space buffers are included in East Molonglo and North Weston, and;
- Maintain rural and bush landscape scenery and backdrops.

This development is likely to be your one and only chance to prove to the people of the Australian Capital Territory that we can have both urban development and protection of the rich natural biodiversity of our Bush Capital.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Frawley