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INQUIRY INTO URBAN VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

The property of *Horse Park* in Gungahlin contains within its boundaries a wetlands area which attracts many waterbirds one of which is Latham's snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*, a small migratory bird, one of the ACT birds listed under the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement and the China- Australia Migratory Bird agreement. We wish to draw the attention of the Committee to the wetlands and the migration of the snipe in the context of its inquiry into urban vegetation and wildlife corridors.

We have recently completed a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for *Horse Park*, Blocks 378 and 379 Gungahlin, which is a rural property close to the proposed suburb of Forde in Gungahlin. (Please refer to Attachment 1 for location of the property). The wetlands are shown on the map at Attachment 2.

We refer the Committee to the work of Mark Lintermans, who undertook a study for ACT Parks and Conservation Service in 1993 entitled "Latham's Snipe *Gallinago Hardwickii* at Horse Park Wetland: A Preliminary Survey".

Horse Park is leased by Mr and Mrs Allan Pattinson who are keen to ensure the conservation of the wetlands. The CMP outlines a management plan for conserving the wetlands.

Copies of the relevant documents are available from this office should the Committee wish to see them.

Yours faithfully

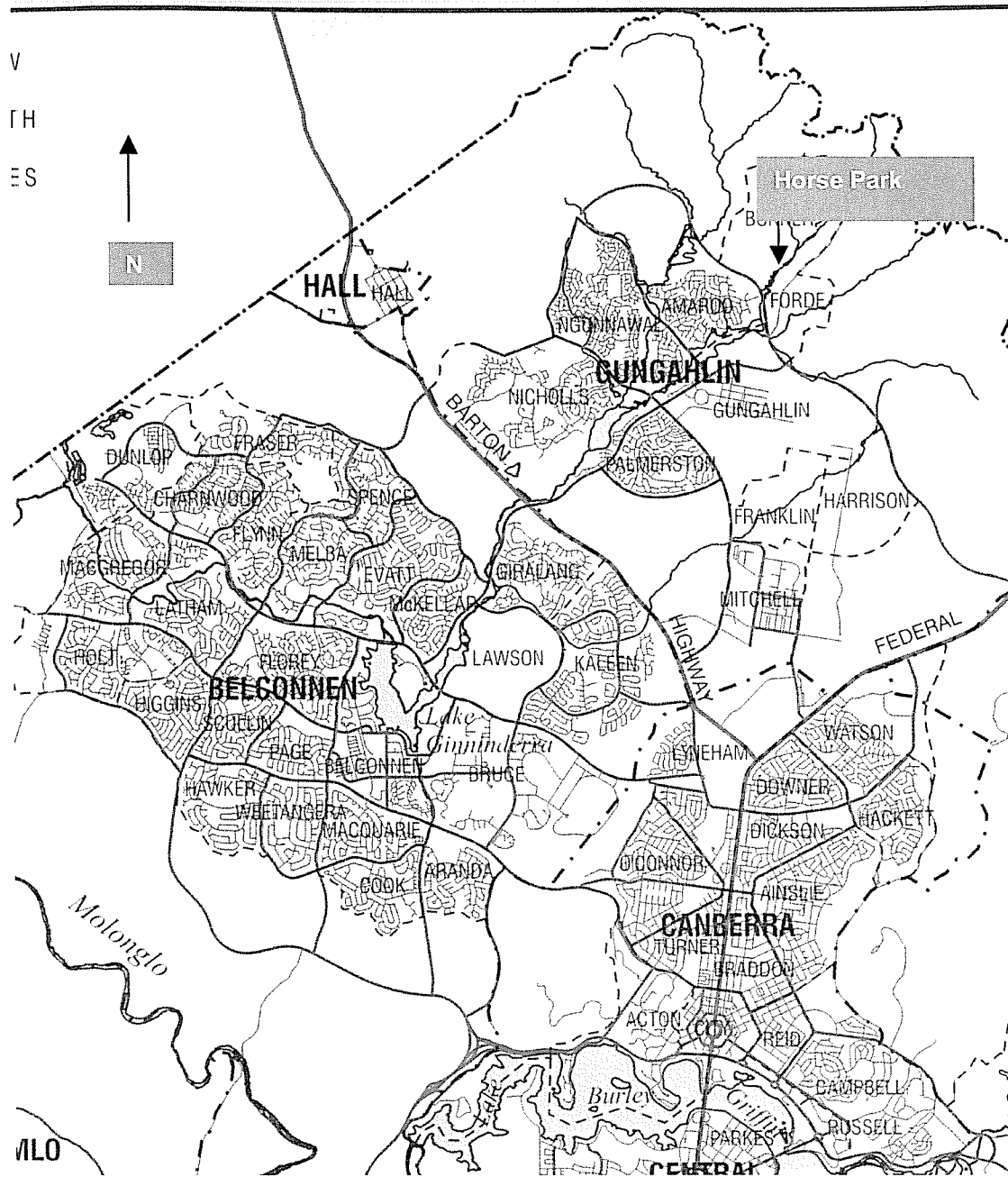
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ATTACHMENT 1 – HORSE PARK LOCATION PLAN



Attachment 2 – HORSE PARK SITE PLAN



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