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From: G King [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 June 2017 7:59 PM
To: Committees
Subject: Re: Submission re review of billboards policy

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I am willing to discuss my comments further.



G King

Sent from my solar-powered phone

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On 20 Jun 2017, at 7:54 pm, G King [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this key policy for Canberra.

Here are key points:

1. The initial policy of no billboards is a fundamental and key design feature of Canberra, a planned city. It should remain in place and be enforced, starting with the roads near the airport.
2. Canberra is not like other cities and the policies and design features that make it unique must be retained or it will lose its uniqueness, which is a major attractor.
3. A key feature that attracts residents and visitors is the restful, nature-focussed vistas. These must be retained by, amongst other things, banning billboards.
4. Mobile billboards should be included in the ban. As well as being ugly and unnecessary, they contribute to congestion on roads. Being currently driven by fossil-fuel-powered vehicles, they also contribute greenhouse gas emissions - for unnecessary, frivolous and potentially harmful use.
5. Election signs on roadsides should also be included in the ban. Their proliferation in recent years has become out of hand. Their presence is ugly, has become intrusive (now even on smaller roads). They also consume large amounts of money, time and petrol to install and maintain. Furthermore, they create visual pollution and, because they cannot be recycled, they create large amounts of waste - contrary to the ACT's waste reduction policies.

Please do not publish my contact details.

Yours sincerely

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