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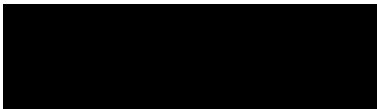
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The ACT Chapter of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA ACT Chapter) supports the intentions of this Bill to conserve and manage Canberra's enviable 'treescape.'

An urban forest will be more successful when it is considered as more than a collective of individual trees. The AILA ACT Chapter, encourages the Committee and, more specifically the ACT Government, to consider planning policies and actions that augment the aspirations of the Urban Forest Bill and address biodiversity, ecological connectivity and the diverse 'green infrastructure; benefits that accrue by managing the urban forest as a landscape system.

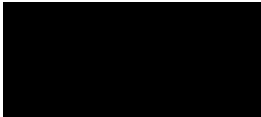
The preparation of a Landscape/Green Infrastructure Strategy must be a priority.

As the Urban Forest Bill proceeds AILA ACT Chapter recommends the following to aid in its implementation and administration:

1. The composition of the Advisory Panel should be broadened to ensure significant cultural, spatial and ecological values are addressed. AILA ACT Chapter recommends that a representative from the First Nation's People, an environmental scientist and a Registered Landscape Architect be added to the Panel.
2. A comprehensive industry briefing is provided. The opportunity to discuss and clarify terms, intentions and conditions of the legislation with representatives from the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will help to ensure a successful implementation.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects has declared climate change is an emergency. Policies, strategies and actions aimed at managing and improving Canberra's urban landscape is of paramount importance and AILA ACT reiterates its support for this Bill given the climate crisis.

Yours Sincerely



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