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Inquiry into DPA-07 - Former Braddon Bowls Club

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Submission To: The Standing Committee on Environmental and Planning

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concerned Braddon resident regarding proposed changed to Block 16 Section 25
Braddon

Dear Secretariat to the Standing Committee

Firstly, I'd like to confirm that I am one of the approx. 50 people copied to the submission sent to you by Terry Beven on Behalf of Daniel Green, Community Group Organiser, on 8 May, 2026. I strongly support all the concerns addressed in that submission.

My key concerns

I have been at the various community meetings held by this group. Everyone is in agreement the proposed changes must take account of community concerns. So far, the developer, has not addressed these matters, or issues raised by the relevant government assessment committee.

1 Its very unfortunate that this situation arose from the previous 'owner' Ainslie Football Club was somehow allowed to sell this block of land that had been given for community use. There is nothing in the proposed DA that refers to community use and in fact, the proposed use and rezoning will destroy community facilities and enjoyment of their location.

2 The tennis club is very concerned that overshadowing will restrict safe use of the courts. I urge the committee to take any submission from the Tennis Club very seriously.

3 Farrer and Elder streets, on either side of the block under consideration, are unsuited to the level of traffic that the proposed 6 story building would bring. A previous iteration of the DA identified Farrer St as a boulevard - completely ridiculous. It is a standard Canberra street with no extended parking. Any reasonable consideration would know that neither street is suitable for increased traffic density. The application doesn't refer to traffic requirements for local Senior residents at Farrer/Fawknor St retirement complex and children at the preschool on Farrer and the Ainslie School on Elder St.

4 Residents are not against development per se, but deeply concerned that needs and wishes residents and the local school communities are not currently properly taken into account..

Finally, I encourage the environment committee to understand that this proposal needs to be considered in conjunction with the entire Braddon community. An adhoc rezoning for the benefit of one developer is deeply

cynical and insulting to all residents.

Thank you
Jennifer Cohen