

27 May 2021

Mr Chris Steel, MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services
Minister for Skills
Special Minister of State
ACT Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

The Board and Management of RSPCA ACT thank you for your continued interest and support in our Facilities redevelopment and renewal.

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on our previous request to finalise arrangements (dated 13 October 2020 and 9 November 2020 respectively) based on the Labor Election Commitment received.

As a recap, in these letters we requested to enter into a MOU that:

- resolves costings and timing for the ACT Government's provision of committed funding to the ACT RSPCA;
- resolve a mutually agreeable suitable parcel of land with longevity of secure lease on which to construct new premises; and
- agree a timeframe for construction and, on completion of construction, arrangements to decant from Weston and to new premises.

We understand that a Business Case process is still underway and not yet agreed or concluded. We also acknowledge that further studies would be required to get a clearer indication on works and total funding required.

In the interim, it would be helpful to articulate the intents for our Facilities redevelopment and renewal project that would address the key areas we would like to see resolved.

We have taken the liberty to commence drafting of a 'Heads of Agreement' in an effort to articulate these intents. This is attached for your review, refinement and further input.

We would like to propose that, once finalised, we use the Heads of Agreement as an opportunity to provide an update on this Project. We made an announcement at RSPCA ACT in July 2019 which enjoyed significant media traction, and it would be advantageous to provide an update to our stakeholders as interest is high and we regularly get asked about progress.

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Once again, we would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board, workers and volunteers of RSPCA ACT to thank you personally and the ACT Government more generally for its ongoing commitment to working with us to redevelop our facilities.

We look forward to hearing from your office on a suitable meeting time to discuss arrangements to a) progress the Heads of Agreement and to b) lock in a date to provide an update to stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michelle Robertson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Robertson" clearly legible.

Alexandra Wedutenko
President

Michelle Robertson
Chief Executive