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Re Enquiry on Residential development in Section 47 Turner

Dear Ms Derrigo

My wife and I have lived at 6 Bent Street Turner since 1950 so we have a long term commitment to the area and a significant stake in how planning policies are applied to this part of the suburb. At the outset I should say we do not support the imposition of a moratorium of a development on Section 47. The policy is discriminatory and not in place in any other suburb as far as we are aware. In equity it should be removed immediately.

The house that we have occupied since 1950 was described as an "austerity" home as were all others in the area because of cost cutting practices. One such practice means that it is impossible to access underneath the house to conduct any floor maintenance and the gas line to the gas heater is via the ceiling. It is a small 3-bedroom house, which we subsequently purchased. It is on a large block with mature trees nurtured from saplings. The notion that the house and the trees have any heritage value is a nonsense.

We treasure our location and appreciate the streetscape and open parkland. We would not want those features to change. However we strongly believe that we, or more likely our successors, should have the right at the very least to extend the existing house or demolish it and build a larger single or double storey residence to maximise the benefits of living in such close proximity to Civic. Realistically, and while it is not our personal preference, we think the time is right for appropriately scaled and sited multi unit development in Section 47. This would help ensure the viability of the local shopping centre as well as contributing to the health of both Dickson and Civic.

Whatever the Committee's recommendations, it is time to remove the inappropriate policy restraints, which are discriminatory, but more importantly, lock Turner's prime residential area into a time warp that is inconsistent with the need for higher density sustainable development.

Yours Sincerely

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