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The Secretary

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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"MR FLUFFY" APPROPRIATION BILL


The impact of the "Mr Fluffy" buyback on the ACT Budget could be reduced if home owners were assisted to demolish the existing home and redevelop their blocks themselves, without accessing the Government buyback scheme.

I have a Mr Fluffy home I have lived in for 18 years and that has been assessed as free of asbestos fibres in the living areas. I am happy here and would like to keep my block and rebuild. A number of other owners have told me they would like to do the same. However the current "rules" make this virtually impossible for anyone who doesn't have very substantial means apart from their home. Demolition and rebuild would be entirely feasible for me and perhaps others, if we were permitted to build 2 dwellings on our blocks and sell one to help finance the rebuild. Currently my block is zoned RZ1 and may need to be rezoned to permit this. By permitting a restricted unit development on suitable blocks, owners would not need to access the buyback scheme and the call on the budget could be reduced by as much as \$1 million per home.

As a recent contributor to the Canberra Times said "rezoning should be on offer now as a choice for owners".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fenwick".

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