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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2005 12:34 PM
To: Jaireth, Hanna
Cc: Matthew Brookhouse; peter.kanowski@anu.edu.au;
sandy.berry@anu.edu.au
Subject: Re: Invitation to make submission

Dear Hannah,

Please accept this email as my submission to your inquiry. I have only one critical issue to raise, and it concerns the first term of reference, namely:
"The availability and adequacy of information (including regional and sub-regional land use maps and information about publicly and privately funded environmental works) for identifying and assessing wildlife corridors and developing land use policy".

It is critical that comprehensive vegetation inventories be undertaken on all remaining woodland vegetation in the ACT. These inventories must include reliable estimates of the age structure of the vegetation obtained through dendrochronological analyses. Tree age is highly correlated with, among other things, important wildlife habitat resources (eg., nesting and shelter sites for hollow dependent fauna). To date, environmental impact assessments in the ACT have ignored this vital attribute of our vegetation ecosystems.

Yours sincerely,
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At 03:05 PM 17/05/2005, you wrote:

>Dear colleague
>I am emailing on behalf of the Standing Committee on Planning and
>Environment of the ACT Legislative Assembly, (Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
>(Chair), Mr Zed Seselja MLA (Deputy Chair) and Ms Mary Porter AM MLA),
>which is currently inquiring into urban vegetation and wildlife corridors,
>and the integration of biodiversity conservation in land use planning in
>the ACT and its sub-regions.
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>The Committee will use Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No 231 - East
>Gungahlin Suburbs of Kenny and Throsby and Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve as
>a case-study in its broader inquiry, along with an assessment of the
>other planning principles for a sustainable Canberra which are included in
>DV231.
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> The Committee is particularly interested in receiving submissions from
> organisations and individuals on any or all of the following issues:
> * the availability and adequacy of information (including regional and
> sub-regional land use maps and information about publicly and privately
> funded environmental works) for identifying and assessing wildlife
> corridors and developing land use policy
> * policies and programs for promoting urban wildlife habitat in the ACT
> * transboundary issues with local councils and the NSW Government
> concerning land use planning and biodiversity considerations
> * the inter-relationship of legislation applicable in the ACT
> (including heritage, tree protection, biodiversity and nature
> conservation legislation)
> * domestic pet policy in suburbs adjacent to protected areas and at
> the urban fringe
> * any other issues of relevance
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>DV231 is accessible on the ACTPLA website <www.actpla.act.gov.au>
><<http://www.actpla.act.gov.au>> but I also attach a copy for your information.
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>Submissions should be lodged no later than 29 July 2005 with Hanna
>Jaireth, Committee Secretary, Standing Committee on Planning and
>Environment, Legislative Assembly for the ACT, GPO Box 1020, CANBERRA ACT

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>2601; e-mail: committees@act.gov.au
><<mailto:committees@act.gov.au>mailto:committees@act.gov.au>. Submissions
>should be in writing and electronic lodgement is preferred. Submissions
>sent electronically should be in word 2000, rtf or txt format and must
>include your full name, postal address and telephone number.
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>Since the committee wishes hear from a wide range of stakeholders would
>you please circulate this invitation for submissions amongst interested
>colleagues and networks, and if you produce a newsletter, would you please
>include in it an item about these inquiries.
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>In addition to receiving submissions, the committee will be holding public
>hearings at a later date. If you would like to attend a hearing, or would
>like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on
>6205 0137.
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>Yours sincerely
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