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To: Committees

Subject: Re: Brumbies' proposal to rezone Block 15 Section 42 Griffith: DVP307 Griffith

Dear Standing Committee Members

I am writing to express my hope the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment will not (not) agree to the Development Application 307 by the ACT & Southern NSW Rugby Union Limited on Block 15 Section 42 Griffith.

The construction of a multi-level complex of some 150 units in this location would be in breach of the government's own guidelines. As well, if this is given the go-ahead, I am concerned the approval will set a precedent for other areas currently zoned as park or recreational areas to be under threat of re-zoning. For the growing number of young families living in apartments in the Griffith area I believe it is important they continue to have access to recreational facilities.

If the block and section does revert back to the Government, and the lease purpose clause is changed, why can't the site be used for an Aged Persons complex? I'm sure the inner south has more than its fair share of retirees looking for single storey accommodation – as an example, the ones on Bougainville Street (past the undercover car park) going towards Empire Cct on the right (I think they are government owned, but not sure). At least a development of this sort would be single storey and, hopefully red brick. The idea of a three or four storey complex being plonked on the Brumbies' site would, in my opinion, be a scar on the local landscape to say nothing of the impact of tree removal and the detrimental aspect of yet more traffic and less open space in an increasingly urbanised inner south environment.

Trusting that the weight of public opinion comes in *against* the application being approved, I remain,
Yours faithfully,
Roger Phillips