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Ms Mary Porter AM MLA
Chair, Standing Committee on Planning
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Dear Ms Porter

Thank you for your letter of 18 March 2011 regarding an outstanding Government response to report number 34 from the Fifth Assembly, on the *Long Term Planning for the Provision of Aged Care Facilities in the ACT*, prepared by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment.

Circumstances have changed since the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment report was received in August 2004. The Building for Our Ageing Community strategy was initiated in December 2003 as a commitment to work with industry and service providers to increase the availability of high quality aged person's accommodation. The strategy has resulted in over 660 more beds and 540 more independent living units now being occupied in the Territory. A further 300 of each accommodation type is currently under construction. Furthermore, eleven blocks of land have been sold for this purpose.

I have noted the support of the Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services for a culture of cooperation between the Assembly and the Executive on the provision of Government responses. Given the outcomes listed above, I feel that in this instance a full response to the Standing Committee's report is unnecessary.

Yours sincerely

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