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Dear Ms Lecouteur

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on a submission received by the Committee as a part of the inquiry into the Auditor-General's Report No. 7 of 2008.

I would like to provide some brief comments on the statements in the submission that could be considered as adverse reflections.

The comments on page 21 which refer to my speech being in support of legislation to 'fast track' the development, are factually incorrect. I would refer the Committee to the Hansard record of the debate on 9 December 2008. The bill introduced on 9 December (Development Application (Block 20 Section 23 Hume) Assessment Facilitation Bill 2008) was in relation to moving the site of the data centre from the Tuggeranong site to the Hume site. I would also refer the Committee to my entire speech on the bill to understand the full and actual context of my comments on air quality.

In relation to the comments on pages 34-35 regarding the protection of yellow-box red gum, grassy woodlands and vegetation protection and the proposed cemetery, the ACT Greens spokesperson on Territory and Municipal Services, who represents each of the ACT Greens MLAs views on such issues, has spoken out against the current cemetery proposal and proposed a natural cemetery, which would protect the current vegetation in the area, including the yellow-box red gum. I would also refer the Committee to the Hansard record of 26 February 2009 on the Matter of Public Importance in which I spoke on the benefits of natural cemeteries as opposed to current cemetery proposals.

Yours sincerely

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