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To **Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal,**

I am writing in regards to the **Inquiry into Billboards.**

I would like to make a submission based on my concerns and to oppose any change into the laws surrounding the restriction of Billboards within the Australian Capital Territory.

If Billboards are introduced to Canberra, they will further pollute our environment by providing another eye sore that Canberra citizens will have to tolerate on a day to day.

I feel that allowing billboards to be displayed in Canberra is not in the best interests of the community, but will only benefit business in being able to further push their message out to the public while providing the local government with another revenue stream and another opportunity for vandals to spread their graffiti (Which is a problem getting worse within the city of Canberra).

I find that Billboards can also increase stress levels among citizens by providing further distractions and information that we have to process of a day to day basis.

If any change in the laws are required I think a strengthening of the laws should be introduced, especially around the use of sandwich boards and their placement during election cycles.

After experiencing the ridiculous amount of sandwich boards used in the previous local election I do not want to see this occurring on a day to day basis.

We should embrace what makes Canberra special instead of trying to change it into something it was never meant to be. I am very concerned in how the local government continues to erode the clean lifestyle Canberra offers and turning this great city into a chaotic and unplanned mess such as Sydney in the name of "development".

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and I urge the committee to uphold the existing laws around Billboards with the Australian Capital Territory.

Kind Regards

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