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Ms Katy Gallagher MLA
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Dear Ms Gallagher

I am writing to you in your capacity as ACT Treasurer and the responsibility you have for the ACT Government's regulatory impact assessment processes. I note that one of the functions of the Regulation Policy Unit within the ACT Treasury is to review policy proposals for regulatory impacts and that your government's *Best Practice Guide for Preparing Regulatory Impact Statements* requires that a RIS be prepared before a policy position is determined.

On 25 June 2010 the ACT Planning and Land Authority released Draft Variation No. 303 to the Territory Plan that proposes significant changes to current regulation. It is not a discussion paper canvassing regulatory options.

I would appreciate your advice as to whether Draft Variation 303 meets your government's standard for making new and significant regulation and what scope you have to require nationally recognised standards for regulation making be applied before any further consideration is given by ACTPLA, the Planning Minister and the Government to the policy content of Draft Variation 303.

If you consider that Draft Variation 303 meets your government's standards for regulation making, would it be possible for me to meet with Treasury officials so that I can better understand how the ACT Government's regulatory assessment process operates?

Yours sincerely

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