

The Secretary, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly Secretariat

I object to the Territory Plan Draft Variation No. 261 because:

- I believe that there has been insufficient consultation and transparency in the process to date.
- I would like the site retained for the ACT community with restaurants, family entertainment, functions and arts/crafts activities.
- I do not want public land managed by the ACT Government handed to a developer without a formal tender/acquisition process.
- There will be an impact on traffic and cost to taxpayers for the necessary extension of the sewerage infrastructure under the Federal Highway.
- The variation will allow housing development alongside the speed reduction bumps in the Federal Highway with significant cost for noise abatement to be met by ACT tax/rate payers.
- The variation will result in increased traffic and adversely impact existing schools and residences along Antill Street and also in Watson, Dickson, Ainslie, Hackett, and along the Federal Highway.
- The variation will allow development in an area without ready access to public transport, shops, restaurants, entertainment venues (such as Clancy's) or recreational facilities.
- The variation will allow the destruction of the buffer between residences and the Canberra Nature Park with resulting negative impact on the native animals and bush fire hazard.
- The ACT Government is rewarding a lease holder who has consistently failed to comply with their lease conditions to maintain the area without any action, penalty or redress.