



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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Terms of Reference

Inquiry into the ACT as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

Recognising community interest and the ACT Government's public statement to initiate the process of having the ACT declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the Committee will inquire into, and report on, issues related to an ACT nomination, including:

- a) the content of the proposed nomination document, including issues arising from the *Seville Strategy for Biosphere Reserves*,¹ such as –
 - i) management of the nomination process
 - ii) the status and possible boundaries of the core, transition and buffer zones
 - iii) funding needs and sources
 - iv) how local stakeholders should be engaged in (a) planning, (b) education and training programs, and (c) research and monitoring activities
 - v) communication strategies and activities
 - vi) the timeframe and viability of the proposed nomination
 - vii) other relevant matters

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¹ Accessible at < <http://www.unesco.org/mab/doc/Strategy.pdf> >