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To whom it may concern

I am writing in response to the Inquiry into Billboards (<http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing-committees-current-assembly/standing-committee-on-planning-and-urban-renewal/inquiry-into-billboards>) to urge the Committee not to loosen the regulations around billboards in Canberra.

I have been living in Canberra for the past ten years. One of the things I love most about it is the huge amount of public space available - parks, bushland, the area around the lake. This is a big contrast to other places in Australia where you can feel hemmed in. The low key nature of advertising in Canberra, and the lack of billboards by the side of the road, really contribute to the feeling of spaciousness and freedom. There is a feeling that the space here belongs to the citizens - it's not a commercial zone. So many of my friends and acquaintances feel the same way - this is a big part of what we love about Canberra.

I have occasionally considered moving to other cities and one of the things that keeps me feeling attached to staying here is the feeling of spaciousness and lack of advertising. Don't change that! It would be a huge mistake and destroy what makes Canberra special and attractive relative to other places.

I note that this inquiry has not been well publicised and I wonder how many members of the public are actually aware of the chance to write a submission. I know that most people I know in Canberra would agree with me that the lack of advertising we have in public spaces is refreshing and an important part of our lifestyle in this lovely place.

Best regards
Zoe Konovalov

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