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## Submission Cover Sheet

### Inquiry into a Proposal for a Mammal Emblem for the ACT

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Submission regarding mammal emblem to ACT

Dear Committee

I would like to suggest the Little Forest Bat as the ACT emblem.

I have noticed that most submissions have not mentioned bats which is surprising because they make up one of the largest groups of mammals in Australia and the largest group of mammals in the ACT - in fact bat species account for almost half of all mammal species in the ACT and are larger than any other group of mammals.

Why the Little forest bat?

Weighing 3-4 grams it is one of the smallest mammals in Australia (sharing affinity with the ACT as the smallest territory).

Despite its small size it is highly intelligent and long lived (they can live over 30 years much longer than most mammals).

Its distribution is limited to South Eastern Australia

It is particularly common in the ACT and surrounding areas (there are no endemic bats to ACT) however it is probably the most common bat in the ACT found in forest, woodlands and urban areas.

Its latin name 'vulturnus' after the Roman God of the south east wind - which is appropriate for Canberra being located in the south east of Australia and the south east wind a regular summer evening weather phenomena.

It eats large amounts of mosquitoes and is a very beneficial animal, it is also quite beautiful and under appreciated.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.

If you require any clarification I would happily assist.

Regards



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