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Dear Hanna

Thank you for allowing the University an extension of time to comment on the Planning and Development Bill 2006.

The ANU would like to congratulate the Territory on the initiatives contained in the draft Planning and Development Bill and associated planning System review changes to address a range of issues associated with the planning and development system in the ACT. We welcome the need for a faster more effective planning system in the ACT.

While the University campus is not directly affected by changes to the planning system under the control of the Territory, we appreciate the economic and social benefits that may arise in the wider arena from a better planning and development system.

In relation to the area of City west known as ANU Exchange, the proposed changes will have a beneficial impact on facilitation of future development. We also acknowledge that recent changes to streamline the planning approval process, including removal of the need for preliminary Assessment reports on new large scale development and the withdrawal of third party appeal processes in City, town centres and industrial areas will facilitate new investment and development, with associated benefits.

We commend the general thrust of the Bill to the Assembly Committee.

Regards

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