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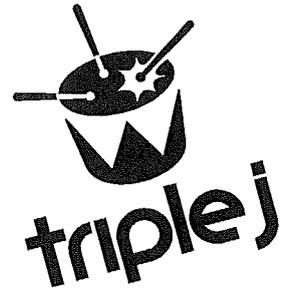
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Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into a Proposal for a Mammal Emblem for the ACT

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Dear The Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services,

How've you been? Cool. Cool cool.

We noticed you are looking to join every other state and territory in Australia by getting yourself a mammal emblem. Congrats! We're sure you're getting plenty of submissions based on lame jokes about Canberra ('make it a roundabout!' 'make it a snake, Canberra's full of them! Etc.) and we can assure you this is not what this letter is about.

We propose that mammal should be canberra natives, Peking Duk (*clowntownadonis dukidilis*)

No animal has given more to the ACT than Peking Duk. From their time as duklings splashing about in Lake Burley Griffin to their migration to clubs around the world, the Duk quack is more recognisable than a kookaburra laugh or a wombat's angry sex noise.

The plumage of the lyre bird may impress some, but can it compare to the glorious locks of Adam Hyde blowing gently in the breeze while he's perched atop the Mount Ainslie lookout?

Can any native birds' mating dance come within a two-step of the majestic Reuben Styles'? No. (see attached: peking_duk_wasted_dance.gif)

Some have questioned whether Peking Duks are mammals, but Adam and Ruben aren't just warm blooded, they're HOT blooded, baby! They are also willing to feed their young by secreting milk if it comes to that.

Previous states have used the symbolism of the mammal emblem to preserve an endangered species. Well, it breaks our heart to inform you that by the latest scientific study only two Peking Duks remain in the wild, and breeding programs have proven... challenging.

Please join us in our quest to make this dream a reality. Duks Fly Together.

All our love,
Gen, Lewis, Everyone in Australia.

