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## Submission Cover Sheet

### Engagement with Development Application Processes in the ACT

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**Re: Inquiry into the Engagement with the Development Application Processes in the ACT**

I wish to ask that when there is consideration for Development of the ACT how or what criteria or policy is used to ensure the Walter Burly Griffin plan is implemented. I assume this is important as the ACT government has put emphasis on the Walter Burly Griffin plan for a tram in Canberra.

***Below you see two pictures both taken in Weston on the same spot. If you turned to the left you can see the Walter Burly Griffin plan at its best with trees and housing blending in.***

***If you turned to the right picture there is no Walter Burly Griffin plan no trees all boxed units and no gardens in the new development. This seems to become the norm for new developments in the ACT.***



**Commonwealth Government Planning.**



**ACT Government Planning**

There seems to be no rules for the redevelopment of established suburbs, normal residential housing with a backyard being wiped out with ugly houses allowed to be built. The image below is a corner block (in Kaleen) the backyard was replaced with this ugly building. All the houses in the street are single storey with backyards. Is this part of the Walter Burly Griffin plan?



This image shows today's planning, Houses close together no backyards where are the trees and backyards? Is this part of the Walter Burly Griffin plan?



Some developments have been so bad that there are roads that buses can't turn and garbage trucks have to reverse up the street as the roads are too small to turn.

In conclusion I ask the Committee to ask themselves has the Walter Burly Griffin plan be implemented in Canberra since self government? Should stricter policies be developed to ensure that Canberra maintains the planning and efforts that has gone into developing this beautiful city that started 100 years ago, **Yes they should** , don't let this city become like other city in the world and develop into slums.

A lot of effort went into the development of Canberra picking the location, having a competition to plan the city, the implementation of the Walter Burly Griffin plan while under Commonwealth Government? Since we have had self Government this has all but ceased. There doesn't seem any planning and no one is being held responsible for the mess that has been created.

This committee has an opportunity to turn this around and to save this city, history will look back at this time and it will either condemn or be grateful for this generation for city we leave behind.

I was born and grew up in Canberra and it makes me cry to see this beautiful city being destroyed by bad planning, there is more to life than just generating money!

Is this city the BUSH CAPITAL?

Thankyou

Yours sincerely

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