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Inquiry into a Territory Coat of Arms

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a submission objecting to the proposed change to the ACT Coat of Arms.

Some reasons for objecting are as listed:

The purpose of a coat of arms is to represent a person or entity. Everyone now associates the arms with the Territory, not just Canberra.

The attempt to distinguish between Canberra and the ACT, for these purposes is pedantry.

The ACT exists principally for the purposes of the Commonwealth government and the current arms represent this special role, and our history.

The royal symbols are particularly appropriate. The Crown is at the heart of our system of government, and honoured by our military, who have an important place in the Territory.

There are many more important issues the Legislative Assembly ought to be focusing attention on, using tax payers money to improve housing for low income people, better education at school and TAFE, and promoting the ACT as the centre of our Commonwealth.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Coles.

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