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Australian Capital Territory

Standing Committee on Environment
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Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into DPA-B – Forrest Section 19 Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12

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Proposed rezoning of Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12, Section 19 Forrest:	
Full Name :	John Roberts
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Please select one of these statements:	I accept that the Committee may publish my submission, including my name, on the Assembly website.
Anonymity or Confidentiality:	
Do you support the proposed amendment to rezone these blocks to Commercial CZ5 Mixed Use Zone (including commercial accommodation)?:	I strongly support the proposed amendment.
Do you have any thoughts on how the site could be used in the future?:	I strongly support the proposal to allow future use of this prime inner city site for commercial and medium density residential up to 6-8 storeys
How do you think that the inclusion of commercial zoning will affect the local area?:	Commercial mixed use zoning will provide opportunities for additional economic development and housing in an area well served by amenities and public transport.
How will the proposal to allow seven to eight storey buildings affect the local area?:	If combined with appropriate planning controls this is an appropriate scale for an inner city site.
Have traffic and car parking been given adequate consideration? If not, how will the rezoning affect local residents?:	This is a leading question, but yes. As long as parking is provided to demand analysis in line with territory plan requirements for any future proposed use, I believe parking has been adequately considered in this proposal.

<p>Do you think that the proposed rezoning will affect the environmental and heritage values in the area? If not, why?:</p>	<p>Again this is a leading question. No, as long as future development is assessed in line with the Territory plan requirements for environment and heritage protection. The scale is appropriate for an inner city site.</p>
<p>If approved, are there any conditions you would like to see incorporated into the decision, for example community or public housing, affordable housing, green space, setbacks or other design principles?:</p>	<p>I would support a minimum provision of affordable housing.</p>
<p>Do you support that this proposed amendment will set a precedent for other blocks away from Group Centres across Canberra?:</p>	<p>This is again a leading question. The site is well located, close to public transport, shops and offices in the Barton/Manuka/Kingston precinct - it would be a positive precedent to allow uplift of other similar sites around Canberra.</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments about the draft major plan amendment you would like to share?:</p>	
<p>Would you like to speak to the Committee at a public hearing?:</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>I understand that I cannot share my submission until the Committee publishes it.:</p>	<p>Yes</p>