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Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works,
and Territory and Municipal Services.
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Dear Ms Porter

**DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO.298 – STRUCTURE PLAN-CONCEPT PLAN
AND ZONE CHANGES - HOLT SECTION 99 PART BLOCK 11 BELCONNEN GOLF COURSE**

COTA (ACT) has, for many years, supported the provision of accommodation alternatives which are both suitable for older people and within the communities where they currently dwell.

The southern and western suburbs of Belconnen have some of the highest concentrations of older people in the ACT. Also, in this area there are few age appropriate alternatives to the traditional free standing family home. Most houses come with both large gardens and a considerable number of steps and other access issues.

The housing proposal for the former 19th to 27th holes appears to provide more appropriate accommodation, without major dislocation from their current communities, for a significant number of older Canberrans. From this perspective COTA is supportive of an increase in the accommodation options for older people that are available in Belconnen.

I am willing to discuss this matter if you think it would be useful.

Yours sincerely



Paul Flint
Executive Director

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