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Secretary
Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Dear Secretary

Inquiry into urban vegetation and wildlife corridors and the integration of biodiversity conservation in land use planning in the ACT and its sub-regions

Thank you for your letter of 18 May 2005, inviting a submission from the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to the above Inquiry. In your letter you identified various issues of particular interest to the Committee. The enclosed submission prepared by the DEC largely focuses on one of those issues; namely transboundary issues with local councils and the NSW Government concerning land use planning and biodiversity considerations.

The DEC has a long and productive working relationship with Environment ACT. In particular, I note the jointly developed *Planning Framework for Natural Ecosystems of the Act and NSW Southern Tablelands*, which provides a means of consistent, well informed and coordinated cross border biodiversity planning.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment