

17 July 2008

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
Legislative Assembly for the ACT

Dear Mr Gentleman

Submission to inquiry

I write in response to the inquiry into the *Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No.261 – Part Blocks 2 and 3 and Block 5 Section 75 Watson – Changes to Commercial CZ6 and Accommodation Zone.*

I have visited the north Watson site since it was first founded in the 1970s. I attended events there, such as a Bushwackers Concert, which had hundreds of people in attendance.

When my son had his first birthday in 1989, a party with three other children who turned one at that time was held at Clancy's. My son still remembers the party and location fondly.

When still young, my son also liked the special rides he was able to have there.

More recently, over the past few years, I have purchased sewing needs from the shop there and want to continue to be able to.

I firmly believe that the section is commercially viable and has a solid foundation upon which to build this from. The buildings are distinctive and the landscaping, though needing some tender loving care, is still sound – eg the lovely granite gutters and paving and some of the trees and shrubs.

I ask most sincerely that the plan not be altered. Rather I request that the ACT Government reinvests in this unique site so that future generations can enjoy the special place that the north Watson site is.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

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