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Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into the provision of municipal services in Canberra

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Greetings City Services Committee members,

I raise concerns about the dismissive attitude and inaction the City Services Minister (who I note has also taken on the role of Attorney General) and the CED on illegal behaviour and road safety, as well as implementation of traffic calming and other deterrents on a major suburban road, it's two associated roundabouts and an adjacent signalised major road between two suburbs which is transversed by the offenders. The signalisation occurred after the death of a child, as a government reaction (rather than heeding the calls for preventative measures).

I note other major roads in this suburb and adjacent suburbs have traffic calming measures and deterrents.

In the Minister's two communiques, the first for some unknown reason sent to the office of MLA of Canberra Liberals rather than myself, the specific location was ignored, it was followed by the speculative statement the offences were of *only a few*. Even if that was factual it does not matter.

This condones the criminal behaviour and implies that adherence to ACT legislation is optional for all ACT residents and that the Minister and executive branch of government will ignore calls for actions to promote the legal and safe use of roads and understand the risk to all residents (they are road users too) as well as the right to a peaceful neighbourhood.

Meetings with local MLAs have occurred, they have listened carefully to proposed controls and deterrents and understand that all ACT residents have the right to peaceful suburbs. They take the matter with the upmost empathy and gravity.

I further note that CED repeated the Minister's statements nearly word for word and then gave non-specific statements that the road has been studied and monitored. I referred this reply to one local MLA.

ACT Policing have been involved in the matter with a Detective Inspector contacting me and stating the responsibilities of government, the responsibilities of all road users, ACT Policing responsibilities and the threat to safety of witnesses who have (up until the DI's counsel) reported the multiple offensives to Crime Stoppers and to ACT Policing (who have been able to attend one incident after calls to 000 by myself and three other residents, the operator stating there were other calls and that is an appropriate use of the emergency number).

There is no excuse for allowing aggressive and offensive use of our roads and when raised dismissing concerns, this undermines trust in government and it's directorates.

The government has an ethical and legal responsibility to make and promote safe roads and legal use of roads.

Sincerely.