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Dear Ms Robertson

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 May regarding the RSPCA's request for an MoU with the ACT Government for Project Home.

Both I, as relevant Minister, and the ACT Government are committed to delivering Project Home during this term of government. ACT Labor made a clear and public election commitment on 12 October 2020 which stated:

A re-elected ACT Labor Government will assist the RSPCA to build a new, fit for purpose facility for the RSPCA in the next term of government.

Since October 2020, as you know, officials from the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) have been in regular contact with the RSPCA on the progress of Project Home, including through facilitating visits to the RSPCA's preferred site in Pialligo.

While the government will progress with Project Home during this term, we are not in a position to sign the proposed MOU drafted by the RSPCA at this time. Funding will first need to be committed for this project in the ACT Budget, and I note that the first budget of the term has not yet been handed down.

Until such time as detailed design work on the future facility is undertaken, the ACT Government is also not in a position to provide certainty on matters such as construction costs. My officials will be seeking to work closely with the RSPCA following the ACT Budget to continue design and scoping work to firm up these components.

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For the benefit of the RSPCA Board, I reiterate that our government will deliver a new home for the RSPCA in this term.

I will appreciate the RSPCA continuing to engage with TCCS in the lead-up to the ACT Budget and beyond.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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