

Dear Madam / Sir

I write concerning 'DV343 Residential blocks surrendered under the loose fill asbestos insulation eradication scheme'.

I am very concerned that this scheme presents too radical a departure from the usual planning rules in the ACT, and I urge for it to be amended to better take into account the concerns that are being voiced by residents across the ACT.

I understand the financial drivers that have led to the proposed approach. However, I urge you to more fully take into account the concerns of the persons who will be living in the neighboring blocks and streets, as I am concerned that the perceived need to make money back out of the sales is taking a higher priority than residents' concerns.

I am not directly affected by the proposed variation in the same manner as residents in neighboring blocks and streets. However, I am concerned that the changed laws might set a precedent for future changes that might be made to ACT planning laws, and I am concerned that this could lead to the ACT becoming a city with much higher-density housing, and with far fewer residential backyards and gardens. This would not be a good outcome.

Yours sincerely,

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