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**To:** Le Couteur, Caroline  
**Cc:** Committees  
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Dear Ms Le Couteur

We are emailing you in your capacity as Chairperson of the Assembly Inquiry into ACT Supermarkets.

We are very concerned that despite the ACT Assembly's inquiry into supermarkets in the ACT, ACTPLA continues to master plan sites for the purpose of releasing further supermarket space for the acquisition of the two (2) major supermarket chains in existing centres.

Currently in the Tuggeranong Valley, the draft master plan for Erindale includes another supermarket whilst the Kambah master plan contemplates the expansion of the existing Woolworths as well as two (2) new additional supermarkets. The Tuggeranong Town Centre master plan proposes a further 30,000 sqm of retail space despite the departure of the Myer department store leaving a 13,000 sqm vacancy for the Hyperdome to fill.

We understand ACTPLA is also reviewing a Woolworths supermarket at Jamieson outside the existing centre.

The QIC expansion has also been approved and they will also be substantial retail and supermarket space as part of this development again for the major supermarket chain. In addition the Woolworths at the airport will be opening soon.

We strongly feel that during the ACT supermarket inquiry, master planning of sites for the purpose of additional supermarkets in **existing centres** which have not already been confirmed by the Government ie: Erindale, Kambah, Jamieson and Western Creek should be put on hold until the outcome of the inquiry can be properly assessed.

We attach for the Committee's perusal a summary of Don Fox Planning's assessment of the oversupply of supermarket space that is proposed for the ACT retail market.

Regards,

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