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Dear Mrs Jones

Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) Scrutiny Report No. 32

I write in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) Scrutiny Report 32, which was released on 23 July 2019. Specifically, this letter addresses further comments made by the Committee on the Planning and Development (Design Review Panel) Amendment Bill 2019 (the Bill) about the Design Review Panel rules and design principles.

I note that the Design Review Panel rules in section 138AJ of the Bill set out the process for Panel meetings and are administrative in nature. I also note that the Design Review Panel has an advisory role only in applying the design principles in section 138AK of the Bill. As such, notifiable instruments for the rules and principles are not warranted.

I wish to clarify that the Design Review Panel is established under new section 138AG inserted into the *Planning and Development Act* 2007 by the Bill, and the panel members are engaged under contract.

I trust this information is of assistance and I thank the Committee for its comments on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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