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Attention: Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Submission regarding DEAKIN DV237 and DV205

Dear Sir, Madam,

Thank you for offering Deakin residents the possibility to express their concerns regarding the *Draft Variations to the Territory Plan No 237 – Deakin Section 12 Blocks 9, 13 and 19, (Embassy Motel) Proposed Residential Use* and *No 205 – Deakin Block 11, Section 68 (Oasis Leisure Centre) Proposed Office Use*. Please find below my submission.

1) DV237 – Deakin Section 12 Blocks 9, 13 and 19, (Embassy Motel) Proposed Residential Use

I **strongly oppose** the proposal for a **seven** storey development on the Embassy Motel site. A development of this nature would be totally out of character in the suburb. Current regulations would not allow for a development higher than four storeys and should remain unchanged.

A number of alternative uses for the Embassy Motel site that would blend well with the character of the suburb and better answer community needs should be considered instead. These include:

- Refurbishment of the existing motel;
- Upgrade to a larger hotel (not exceeding current height);
- Specialised aged persons accommodation (this would complement well the existing apartment cluster off MacGregor Street, and would also be conveniently located close to the Deakin shops);
- Self-serviced apartments for tourist use or other possible uses;
- High quality two storey Town-houses modelled on the Forest-National Circuit development opposite Forrest-primary School oval;

I note also that the “Old Solander Gallery” site would be directly affected by changes of planning controls on the Embassy Motel site as it appears that both sites have been designated by the NCA for “gateways” and “landmarks” and reiterate my **strong opposition** to these proposed developments.

2) DV205 – Deakin Block 11, Section 68 (Oasis Leisure Centre) Proposed Office Use.

I support the refurbishment of the Oasis Leisure Centre within the existing regulations.