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**Inquiry into Housing: Discontinuation of the Inquiry into Housing.**

Today the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal informed the Assembly that it will no longer be continuing with its Inquiry into Housing.

Committee Chair, Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA, said that although the Committee had been working on the inquiry since March of this year, the recently announced work being undertaken by the ACT Government in relation to housing and planning in the ACT had resulted in considerable overlap with the Committee’s terms of reference.

Ms Le Couteur went on to state that:

*The committee has looked at the recently released Housing Choices discussion paper and the proposed community consultation. It appears that there are considerable overlaps with this and the Committee’s Inquiry into Housing. The committee was concerned that having the two processes operating concurrently could lead to considerable confusion for the community and industry groups. Because of this, the Committee will not be continuing with its Inquiry into Housing.*

Ms Le Couteur was keen to emphasise that despite the inquiry not continuing:

*The Committee continues to take issues regarding housing in the ACT seriously and will actively follow the Government’s deliberation on these issues. The committee anticipates that it will be further involved in the future and in particular if any territory plan variations are recommended as a result of the government’s work.*

In conclusion Ms Le Couteur acknowledged the contributions that had already been made to the inquiry:

*The Committee wishes to thank those who have already contributed to the inquiry and encourages all Canberrans to take an active interest in contributing to the various community engagement processes that will inform government policies and frameworks around housing and planning.*

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