Ms Giulia Jones MLA

Member for Murrumbidgee

ACT Legislative Assembly

London Circuit

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Ms Jones

I am writing in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety’s Scrutiny Report 31, dated 28 May 2019, in which the Committee questioned the validity of Disallowable Instrument DI2019-33 (Domestic Animals (Cat Containment) Declaration 2019 (No 1)) made under section 81 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act).

Specifically, the Committee is seeking my assurance that an ‘additional public notice’ has been given for the instrument mentioned above, pursuant to section 81(4) of the Act.

Whilst a number of measures were taken to ensure the public were made aware of the declaration, including a media release and providing information on the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate website, due to an administrative oversight a dated public notice as required under section 81(4) of the Act was not given at the time. This oversight has now been addressed and a public notice has been posted on the ACT Government’s public notices website at at [www.act.gov.au/publicnotices](http://www.act.gov.au/publicnotices)

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I trust the above has addressed your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Chris Steel MLA

Minister for Transport and City Services