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Ms Peggy Danaee
Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories
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Dear Ms Danaee

Light Rail Stage 2 Inquiry – answers to questions in writing

Thank you for your letter of 6 July 2018 to Ms Judith Zielke providing questions in writing from the Committee on Canberra light rail stage 2 arising from evidence provided at the public hearing of 21 June. I am responding on Ms Zielke's behalf. Please see the following responses:

Question: If the Government were to contribute over \$100 million to the Light Rail Stage 2 project, what role would Infrastructure Australia play? What would be the process for assessing the business case and making a determination?

Answer: In accordance with Australian Government policy, any project receiving more than \$100 million in Australian Government funding requires an assessment by Infrastructure Australia. Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework sets out the process used to assess projects. The framework is available on its website at <http://infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/projects/make-a-project-assessment.aspx>.

Question: Is it a concern that no consideration about funding viability is made before approval for the project is given?

Answer: The Australian Government has not received a funding proposal for the Light Rail Stage 2 project from the ACT Government, so is unable to consider funding viability. Funding viability is not a relevant consideration for planning approval processes.

Should you have any questions on the above, please in the first instance contact Susan Forbes, Director, Local Government & ACT/NT Team, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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