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Attention:

Senator Kate Lundy

Chair

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External  
Territories

Submission

Re: Enquiry into the Role of the National Capital Authority

Preamble:

The guardianship of the Nation's Capital Plan should not be the responsibility of itinerant governments, but of Federal Parliament (Joint Parliamentary Committee).

Following is a summarised Comment on the first three points of the **terms of reference for the enquiry**.

- a. The principle of dual planning functions, both municipal and Federal, provides a democratic safeguard against one-sided decisions and should be strengthened not eroded.

The reduction of red tape should never be considered for the purposes of speeding the approval process.

- b. If NCA is made accountable directly to parliament the issue of "balance between the independence of the authority's planning decision and its accountability for its operations" will be a non issue.
- c. Areas of National Significance should be broadened to encompass all of Central Canberra and the surrounding hills and never reduced.

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