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Dear Ms Pratt ^{house}

Submission to Joint Standing Committee Inquiry – Provision of Amenity within the Parliamentary Triangle

I am writing to provide you with the ACT Government's Submission in relation to the Inquiry.

Submission comment

I would like to emphasise the following:

- The ACT Government supports wider amenity development in the Parliamentary Triangle, and alignment of such development with Territory initiatives and planning objectives, as well as the Griffin Legacy strategy, which *inter alia* supports:
 - growth in the Central National Area to deliver Griffin's urbanity, cultural life and diversity and provide conditions for a prosperous city;
 - linking the city to the Central National Area;
 - extending the city to the lake – through a variety of waterfront activities and continuous waterfront promenades; and
 - the linking of national attractions – to reinforce networks of tourism activity, improved linkages with effective pedestrian and public transport networks.
- The National Capital Authority has a Consultation Protocol with the ACT Government and the wider Canberra community. The protocol formalises and provides guidance for the community and stakeholders in the application of consultation requirements under the Commonwealth *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* and the National Capital Plan. The protocol sets out timeframes for amendments to the National Capital Plan, what is involved in drawing up a new development control plan or changing a development control plan and how development applications which need to be notified are assessed and approved. This consultation process requires engagement with the ACT Government on all significant development matters.

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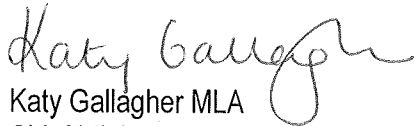
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- In assessing any inadequacies in the retail services available in the Parliamentary Triangle and in examining possible remedies, the Inquiry may be assisted by an understanding of relevant Territory development objectives adjacent to the Central National Area. Relevant initiatives include:
 - the City to the Lake urban development proposal;
 - relevant transport initiatives, such as the Capital Metro proposal and respective parking and public transport policies, including:
 - a Central Canberra frequent public transport network;
 - extended park and ride and bike and ride facilities;
 - release of the first stage of Block 6 Section 3, Parkes and Section 5, Campbell for residential and tourist accommodation; and
 - Block 19 Section 10, City has also been identified for the future release for tourist accommodation.
- The ACT Government through the Transport for Canberra Strategy is also committed to developing further public transport solutions that provide a means to improve ease of transit between the Parliamentary Zone and retail centres and other amenities that are in close proximity to the Parliamentary Triangle. The free Centennial Bus loop service provided from 1 February 2013 between Civic other national amenities and the Parliamentary Triangle is an example.
- The ACT Government has a long-standing centres policy within its strategic spatial planning. While the ACT Government supports some additional retail provision within the Parliamentary Triangle, this should not be of a scale that would undermine other commercial centres. While it is acknowledged that the NCA has planning responsibility for the Parliamentary Triangle, in the ACT we regulate a 1500m² gross floor area limit for any supermarket or other individual shop. This retail centre size limit is an important benchmark for Canberra.
- The financing of commercial and government development in the Parliamentary Triangle is important. I have written to the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Regional Services, Local Communities and Territories, on the Commonwealth Government's recently announced paid parking policy in the Parliamentary Triangle. In this correspondence I have suggested that there is a strong argument for the funds derived from paid parking in the Parliamentary Triangle to remain in the ACT to support amenity development on NCA land and to provide an additional resource stream for national institutions. Importantly, parking, parking revenue policies, and public transport arrangements should be aligned between the NCA and the surrounding Territory administered land.
- In addition, the ACT Government would be willing to discuss with the Commonwealth the land release options that might support an appropriate level of new retailing floor space immediately adjacent to NCA land, should this be considered a desirable option.
- Should retail service development be recommended in the Parliamentary Triangle, it should align and integrate with respective urban and commercial developments across the two jurisdictions. The impacts of Commonwealth Government and corresponding commercial decisions and actions in this area affect ACT service and urban development planning – this means we need to ensure collaboration on respective development strategies when considering implementation of any Inquiry outcomes.

The contact person for further Committee interest in liaison with the ACT Government on these matters is Brook Dixon, Director, Economic, Regional and Planning Branch, tel: 62050468 email: brook.dixon@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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