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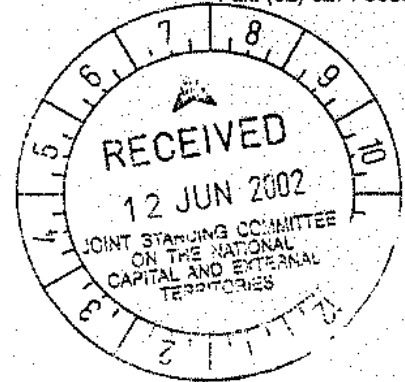
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Dear Ms Swieringa

INQUIRY INTO DRAFT AMENDMENT 39 OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLAN

I refer to your letter of 22 May 2002 regarding Draft Amendment 39 to the National Capital Plan, which impacts upon the area in the vicinity of The Lodge. I note that the area is currently a "Designated Area" under the National Capital Plan and that the current inquiry may result in the retention of this designation.

The Official Establishments Trust (Trust) has considered the draft amendment and generally agrees with the proposal, as its application will retain the existing aesthetic principles and not diminish the national significance of the area.

In particular the Trust agrees that:

- the area should remain residential;
- any development adjacent to The Lodge must not diminish the setting of the residence;
- the proposed height restrictions on development be implemented; and
- the constraints on dwelling density and commercial activity are appropriate.

Thank you for consulting with the Trust regarding this matter. Please contact me on 6271 5196 if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

Terry Crane
Secretary

12 June 2002