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Friends of the Aranda Bushland Inc

to conserve and rehabilitate the bush

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Secretary: Stephen J. Boyd

Senator Ross Lightfoot
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories
Department of House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Lightfoot

I am emailing in my private capacity as Convenor of Friends of Aranda Bushland Inc (FoAB).

You will see in the attached document some information about geological monuments in the ACT, some of which were formed when the ACT was a deep ocean basin.

The limestone deposit on the Acton Peninsula (see p5) is in the West Basin but the Friends of Aranda Bushland is not sure if this is going to be impacted by the proposed Griffin Legacy reclamation of the lakeshore in West Basin.

The Acton Shale on Acton Peninsula is also significant.

The need to preserve these monuments has been raised with FoAB by a concerned geologist who is disappointed that a geological monument (the Caswell Drive Acton Shale) has been sacrificed for the construction of the Gungahlin Drive Extension. I was asked to forward these concerns to the appropriate authorities.

The FoAB will also write to ACT Minister for Planning and/or the ACT Minister for the Territory and Municipal Services asking whether the Acton Peninsula Limestone Deposit is or can be protected under the *Heritage Act 2004* (ACT), but I thought you might wish to have this information considered in the context of the review by the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories of the proposed Griffin Legacy Amendments to the National Capital Plan which are proposed to impact on West Basin.

Yours sincerely

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