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To the Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories  
Department of House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
AUSTRALIA



20 May 2003

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority.

As a former resident of Canberra over a period of 15 years and a professor of architecture, I wish to comment on the terms of reference.

Canberra is a unique city in terms of its history, its planning and its urban design. This status is internationally recognised among experts, professionals and visitors to the city, and I do not doubt that it will be increasingly regarded with admiration by the general public. Canberra represent the aspirations of the country of Australia through its blend of public and private spaces and has created an image that is recognised throughout the world. I therefore strongly believe that the future of Canberra's planning and design must be regarded as a national - not a local concern. Until this time one can only be impressed by the effort and success with which the Australian government has developed this capital city.

Sincerely

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