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Mr Peter Stephens
The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on the
National Capital and External Territories

Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Stephens

I am writing in relation to the National Capital Authority's (NCA) biannual public hearing before the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories held 20 June 2012. Responses to the questions provided on notice at the hearing are available below.

Dr Leigh's question: *What are the benefits of the bus lanes in the centre of Constitution Avenue?*

NCA response: Constitution Avenue has been subject of extensive design studies. The final alignment and configuration of infrastructure for different modes of transport will be the most appropriate balance between conflicting user priorities. The ACT Government initially consulted on a proposal to incorporate a priority public transit system adjacent to the median of Constitution Avenue. Following a detailed assessment of this proposal the NCA and the ACT Government decided that a kerbside bus priority lane would be a more efficient, safe and cost effective transit solution. The original proposal will not proceed.

Senator Humphries question: *There are just a couple of things with respect to the section 5 development at Campbell. I understand that there is suggestion that it is a habitat for the golden sun moth. Can you indicate what conclusions you reached on that question and whether the development represents a threat to their habitat.*

NCA response: Draft Amendment 74 is a proposal which sets out detailed conditions of planning, design and development for Section 5 Campbell. If a proponent wishes to develop the site, assessment and decision under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) will be required before development can proceed. Assessment under the EPBC Act will involve a public consultation phase during which third parties can comment on the proposed action. This process will include assessment of impact on threatened species such as *Synemon plana* (Golden Sun Moth).

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In February 2012, the Land Development Agency made a referral to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities under the EPBC Act. The proposed action was determined to be a controlled action as the proposal will require removal of habitat for the Golden Sun Moth. As part of the controlled action the proponent must provide additional information on measures to be undertaken to mitigate the impact on the Golden Sun Moth.

Yours sincerely



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