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MEMBER FOR GINNINDERRA

Dr Mal Washer MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on the Environment and Heritage  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Washer MP

Thank you for your letter of 2 March 2006 inviting comments from the ACT Government on the *House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage's Inquiry into a Sustainability Charter*.

In the spirit of co-operative Federalism, the ACT Government supports the development of an Australian Sustainability Charter. However, the ACT Government believes that this should be developed through a high level inter-jurisdictional forum where jurisdictions have the opportunity to collaborate on the development of the charter.

I have included part of the ACT Government's response to the Sustainable Cities Inquiry where it relates to the development of the Sustainability Charter for your information.

The ACT Government would welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions on an Australian Sustainability Charter.

Yours sincerely

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