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Mr M Shanahan & Ms J Edwards
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Dear Mr Shanahan & Ms Edwards

I write in response to your letter to the NCA received on 6 August 2007.

Your letter refers to and repeats a number of issues previously raised in your letter of 20 May 2007. The NCA has already responded to those issues, and I do not intend to add anything further.

I understand that you have also written to the Hon. Mr Jim Lloyd MP, received by his office on 10 August 2007. Again, this letter raises a number of issues which have previously been addressed. However, it contains a further allegation that there was an "initial offer" made by Mr Rohl to relocate your business to "within the Parliamentary Triangle at such a time the West Basin development takes off". I am advised that no such offer was made by Mr Rohl.

The e-mail record prepared by you on 20 September 2006 states that there were three options discussed in the event that the redevelopment of the West Basin proceeds.

Those options were that:

1. the Mr Spokes business could remain in its current location during and after the redevelopment;
2. the Mr Spokes business could move to an alternative permanent location (either in West Basin or elsewhere on the lake foreshore); or
3. the Mr Spokes business could move to a temporary location and after completion of the redevelopment move back to West Basin.

The NCA agrees that each of these possible options was discussed during the meeting on 19 September 2006. However, the NCA made no "offer" to relocate your business either generally or to a particular location during that meeting. The provision of any such undertaking or offer would have been inconsistent with the discussion of each of the options, one of which included the business remaining in its current location. It should also be restated that Mr Spokes Bike Hire & Café holds a crown lease on Territory Land and the possible relocation alternatives will primarily be a matter for the ACT Government.

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Additionally, in your written submission in respect of Draft Amendment 61 - West Basin, received on 29 September 2006, you state "the NCA has not offered alternative arrangements for *Mr Spokes Bike Hire & Café*". This document authored by you is inconsistent with the assertion that an undertaking or offer was provided to you during the meeting on 19 September 2006, and that the e-mail exchange of 20 September 2006 demonstrates a commitment by the NCA to relocate your business. I also note the submission was prepared prior to your purchase of the Mr Spokes business.

I believe that the staff of this agency have provided you with every opportunity to express your concerns, and that the position of the NCA has been adequately explained to you. The NCA is not in a position to give you specific advice or assurances in relation to the conduct of your business.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pegrum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Annabelle Pegrum
Chief Executive

6 September 2007