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Minister for Home Affairs

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Mr Jon Stanhope MLA
ACT Chief Minister
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Dear Chief Minister

I am writing in response to your correspondence to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, the Hon Lindsay Tanner MP, about the introduction of paid parking in the Parliamentary Zone. As I have responsibility for Territories, Minister Tanner forwarded copies of your letters of 10 February and 2 March 2009 for my consideration.

I support your suggestion that a formal joint working party be formed to consider parking options in the Parliamentary Zone and Russell. I suggest that this group be established as an Inter-Governmental Committee on Parking in Barton, Parkes, Russell, and adjacent areas (IGC).

Consistent with the 2003 report by the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, *Not a Town Centre: The Proposal for Pay Parking in the Parliamentary Zone*, the IGC will develop options for managing parking on national land in these areas which consider the needs of all types of visitors, the isolation of the area from commercial facilities, and the impacts on adjacent areas.

The IGC will also develop an implementation plan for the preferred strategy, including timing, infrastructure, financial implications and any necessary supporting arrangements.

The National Capital Authority has agreed to chair the IGC, which will include representatives from:

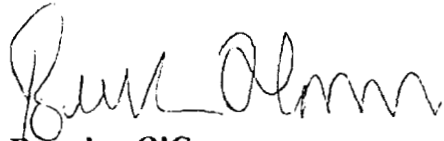
- the Department of Finance and Deregulation
- the Attorney-General's Department
- the Department of Defence
- the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (representing the national collecting institutions),
- and the ACT Government.

I seek your views about appropriate nominees from the ACT Government to participate in the IGC. I anticipate that the IGC will convene in August 2009 and will report to the Commonwealth and ACT Governments as soon as practicable.

I have written to Minister Tanner in similar terms.

The officer responsible for this matter in the Authority is Andrew Smith who can be contacted on 6271 2806.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "O".

Brendan O'Connor