

Dear committee,

In recent days, I have been informed of the wrong-doing currently attacking the people of the Australian Capital Territory. It is evident that citizens of the the ACT are facing both discrimination and a lack of understanding by the federal government of the unique issues face us, the people of the ACT.

The discrimination currently facing the people of the ACT is unacceptable within an Australian government system which supposedly upholds equality between all Australian people no matter where they are from. It is almost surprising that nothing has been done to cease this discrimination as of yet.

Canberra and surrounding regions have a number unique issues which may not be fully understood by politicians at a federal level. If nothing is done to ensure that citizens of Canberra can be certain that laws will be made specifically to suit their problems and issues, it is almost unlikely that Canberra can continue to function properly in the future. It is also amply understandable that the people of Canberra are frustrated by the fact that they do not receive the same rights as other Australian citizens.

I hope that this submission will contribute to the fast growing argument that Canberra should have the same powers to pass laws as Australian states.

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