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Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to provide my views regarding the Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority. My main concerns are as follows:

- Last year, NCA approved Development Application on our property. I was told by NCA that there is no time limitations on the approval and under the current arrangements the right to proceed with the development will continue to be available;
- We are the one most effected by this new development (Becton) on State Circle due to single access onto Melbourne Avenue for the underground garages (for 120 cars) and collection of garbage next to our drive way (for 60 units);
- Melbourne Avenue is also a main avenue like State Circle, so provision should be made to get a higher plot ratio for Melbourne Avenue like State Circle;
- Planning for the designated area should stay with NCA;
- Provision should be made in the National Capital Plan for a process of appeal against decisions of the NCA particularly for decisions made in regard to the designated area of Deakin/Forrest.

Yours sincerely,

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