TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the citizens of the Federal electorate of Fraser requests that the House and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation consider locating Commonwealth Departments in Gungahlin, ACT.

As a growth area that attracts working families and first home buyers, locating Commonwealth Departments in Gungahlin will:

- Create employment opportunities in the local area
- Support local businesses by encouraging people to move to and work in the area
- Reduce CO2 emissions through fewer and shorter commutes to offices in the city and southern parts of Canberra
- Ease cost of living pressures associated with fuel expenses and vehicle maintenance
- Improve work/life balance because of less time spent commuting to and from work
- Create more time for family and community activities because of shorter commutes

We ask the House and Minister to take these benefits into account in their consideration of locating Commonwealth Departments in Gungahlin.