SUBMISSION 55.9



Senator Kate Lundy Chair Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Lundy

I refer to the evidence of Mr Eric Martin appearing for the National Trust before the Committee this morning and to errors in fact related to the Canberra Centre on Ainslie Avenue and to the Immigration Bridge project.

The original Canberra Centre built across the Mount Ainslie vista was not approved by the National Capital Authority. To our knowledge it was agreed to by the National Capital Development Commission and built before self-government in the ACT.

The recent Canberra Centre extension and all current commercial development in that area are not in the Designated Areas. The approval for all of these works was given by the ACT planning authority.

The Immigration Bridge project has not been lodged for development approval. Provision for a high-span pedestrian bridge connecting the National Museum and the Parliamentary Zone is included in the National Capital Plan (Amendment 61 West Basin).

Yours sincerely

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