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The Hon Dick Adams MP
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Dear Mr ^{Dick} Adams

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2011 inviting the ACT Government to make a submission to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry's inquiry into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Mining, Petroleum and Water Resources) Bill 2011*.

Under the zoning provisions of the Territory Plan, published by the ACT Planning and Land Authority in 2008 on behalf of the ACT Government, mining is prohibited in the ACT. This means coal seam gas extraction cannot take place in the Territory.

Given the above, the ACT Government is not in a position to make a submission to the inquiry. I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to the Committee's report on the matter.

Yours sincerely

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