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Mr Tom Duncan Clerk ACT Legislative Assembly GPO Box 1020 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Dupean Tom

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2018 regarding petition No. 9-18 lodged by Miss Candice Burch MLA on behalf of 162 residents of the Australian Capital Territory, with the principal petitioner being Mr Stephen Mills.

I understand the petition brings to the attention of the ACT Legislative Assembly a request that the Assembly, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate, and the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate do not approve any development application for the proposed aged care facility at Block 5, Section 1 Kingston, until the representatives of St Basil's:

- meet with local residents to discuss ways to improve the development application;
- conduct a site visit with representatives of Gosse Street residents; and
- agree to specific actions to address community grievances with the proposal.

The petitioners also requested that no approval be provided for this application until the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal's inquiry into the ACT development application process has delivered its final report.

The notification period for the original application ran from 30 March 2017 until 21 April 2017, with the notification for the amended design running from 14 September 2017 until 6 October 2017. Unfortunately this petition was received outside of the notification period.

The application for this development was lodged on 17 March 2017 and conditionally approved by the planning and land authority on 13 April 2018, following several amendments to the proposal.

A request for a review of this decision was lodged with the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) on 11 May 2018 by Mr Stephen Mills, and as a result the decision to conditionally approve this development has been set aside until the Tribunal considers the matter.

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As the matter is now under consideration by the Tribunal, I am not in a position to respond to the requests made through the petition submitted with the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Thank you for raising this petition with me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Planning and Land Management