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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

I refer to your letter of 10 May 2017 about petition numbers 8-17, 9-17, 10-17 and 11-17 lodged by Mr Hanson MLA, regarding concerns with public housing proposals on sites in Wright, Mawson, Holder and Chapman.

In accordance with Standing Order 100, I provide you with the following responses for presentation to the Assembly:

Canberra has some of the oldest public housing in Australia. These properties have provided homes for many vulnerable people and over many years. Several of these homes are now no longer appropriate for families and individuals, many with complex and diverse needs.

The Government's public housing renewal program will improve outcomes for public housing tenants, providing modern accommodation that better meets the needs of families and individuals, now and into the future.

In the ACT public housing is spread evenly so that we can reduce concentrations of disadvantage and provide better opportunities for us all to make a positive contribution and share the benefits of our local community.

Over the past couple of months we have actively sought community feedback which is continuing to shape the design, layout and style of the homes that we would like to build for some of our most vulnerable Canberrans.

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Petition 8-17

The Public Housing Renewal Taskforce (the Taskforce) is aware of the issues raised in the petition and is undertaking consultation to better understand the community's view of potential development of Block 1 Section 29 in Wright. The Taskforce has invited members of the community to work together to explore potential arrangements that might achieve the objectives outlined in Part 2 of the petition.

Petition 9-17

The residents of Mawson have formed a consultation group and the Taskforce is supporting this group to refine their objectives. The Taskforce is also working with this group to provide additional information and to assist them to document shared objectives for Block 29 Section 36 in Mawson.

Petition 10-17

The residents of Holder have formed a consultation group and the Taskforce is supporting this group to refine their objectives. The Taskforce is also working with this group to provide additional information and to assist them to document shared objectives for Block 2 Section 21 in Holder.

Petition 11-17

Many residential sites in the ACT (including blocks adjacent to Block 1 Section 45) are in Bushfire Prone Areas. A bushfire analysis has been developed as part of the Site Investigation Report. The design and construction process would include a range of measures to ensure the development would meet the required standards for construction in a Bushfire Prone Area. This is consistent with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and will be reflected in a final Development Application (DA). The Taskforce will continue to comply with all such requirements and advice. The Taskforce has offered to work with the community to resolve the "many other reasons" referred to in the petition.

Thank you for bringing these petitions to the attention of the ACT Government.

Yours sincerely



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