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By email: Tom.Duncan@parliament.act.gov.au

Dear Mr Duncan

I refer to your letter of 13 May 2025 regarding E-PET-003-25 (the petition), tabled by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 13 May 2025, concerning improving the liveability of Woden Town Centre.

The petition requests the Assembly to call on the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services to conduct an inquiry into improving the sustainability and liveability of Phillip/Woden Town Centre and its surrounding precincts. The petition also suggests Terms of Reference for the inquiry.

The Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services has commenced an inquiry into the role and future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city. The Terms of Reference for the inquiry align with the terms proposed in the petition. The Government has prepared a submission which responds to the Terms of Reference for the inquiry.

I trust this information is of assistance and provides advice on the issues raised in the petition.

Yours sincerely

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