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Chair, North Canberra Community Council

Ms Jane Goffman
Convenor, Dickson Residents Group

Ms Di Fielding
Convenor, Downer Community Association

By email planning@me.com

Dear Mr Hettinger, Ms Goffman and Ms Fielding

I have received a copy of your email of 5 August 2015 to Minister Gentleman about Section 72 in Dickson. As the email covers a number of portfolio areas, I am responding on behalf of the ACT Government.

The government is supportive of proposals to see vacant and disused blocks of land in the Dickson precinct revitalised. Providing new opportunities for people to live close to the Dickson shopping precinct will improve the public realm and add to the sense of community in Dickson.

The ACT Government will not be the developer in this instance. However, we will encourage early consultation on proposed built form by the developer. It is also important to note that the proposed addition of uses that will allow aged care, supported housing and a retirement village on the two sites will not change the current planning controls that exist across the whole of Section 72.

The Territory Plan Variation will be notified in early 2016, subject to consideration of the matter by the Chief Planning Executive and the Minister for Planning. Once notified, the variation and the associated background papers will be available for public inspection and comment. I have asked that you be contacted at that time so that you may bring the variation to the attention of your members.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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