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Dear Ms Penn-Turrall

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2011 regarding the motion passed at the meeting of the Combined Community Councils and the Jerrabomberra Residents' Association on 20 November 2010.

I note the motion passed by the Combined Community Councils calls upon the ACT Legislative Assembly to conduct:

"... an independent and thorough review of the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA), Land Development Agency (LDA) and other relevant agencies with a view to the ACT Government establishing an independent integrated and strategic planning and development system that contributes to the orderly and sustainable development in the ACT with consideration to bordering regions, and consistent with the social, environmental and economic aspirations of the people of the ACT, a key objective in the ACT Planning and Development Act (2007)."

As you may be aware, in September 2010, the Government commissioned Dr Allan Hawke AC to conduct an independent Review of the ACT Public Sector. Dr Hawke delivered his report to Government earlier this year and I publicly released the report on 15 February 2011. Dr Hawke's report specifically addresses the issues identified in the motion passed by the Combined Councils.

The Government has established a high-level implementation taskforce within the ACT Public Service to work through each of the specific recommendations, and to advise on necessary legislative changes, timing and funding implications. Consideration of the report's recommendations in relation to the ACT's land planning and development system will be a high priority for the taskforce.

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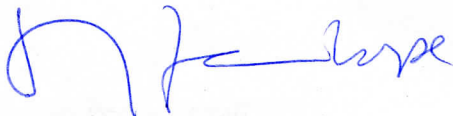
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I encourage the Community Councils to read Dr Hawke's report, which can be accessed at <http://www.actpsreview.act.gov.au/home>.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



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