



**CONSERVATION COUNCIL**  
**ACT REGION**

Canberra 2030.  
Chief Ministers Department.

4 November 2010

Dear Colette,

**Re: Vision 2030**

The Conservation Council ACT Region Inc. wishes to offer the attached submission to your work in planning the future shape and form of Canberra: Vision 2030. The Conservation Council ACT Region Inc. is the peak non-government environment and conservation organization in the ACT with over 30 member groups.

Over the past year we have been actively involved in working with Government and community groups in determining our members' views on the future of Canberra (including conducting a public forum). We have also had extensive discussions with planning and architectural professionals, with ACTCOSS, with Canberra's Community Councils, and with the general public. This Council has established a Planning and Transport Working Group to examine broad issues linking planning and transport with conservation and sustainability. A number of professional experts provide valued inputs into this committee.

In March 2010, we commissioned an independent survey from the Australia Institute that posed a number of key questions to a random group of Canberra residents. While this sample was necessarily small (due to limited resources), we do believe its findings are relevant to the Vision 2030 debate. I attach a copy of the findings (as previously provided to Chief Minister's Department).

Since then we have actively and, at times, vociferously participated in various workshops and events as part of the Vision 2030 process to advance the views of our members. We strongly believe that this is a golden opportunity to change the development paradigm in Canberra and move towards a more sustainable and inclusive Canberra, with a substantially reduced ecological footprint. We note the parallel activity of the Legislative Assembly's Inquiry into the Ecological Carrying Capacity of the ACT: an inquiry with which we will be deeply engaged, and which may well provide some important strategies to be considered in the final determination of the next Spatial Plan.

This Council would be most keen to remain fully engaged with any future activities on Vision 2030 and the Spatial Plan, and look forward with great interest to the forthcoming Discussion Paper.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hibberd", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

**John Hibberd**  
*Executive Director*