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**To:** Terrplan  
**Subject:** DV351 - comments from local resident

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in the small townhouse complex on the corner of Macnaughton Street and Drake Brockman Drive in Holt. Please note the following concerns in relation to the proposal for further urban development in West Belconnen, which will impact on my local streets:

1. Bicentennial trail access - As a resident, I am concerned that access to this trail along Drake Brockman may be severely compromised in the future. I personally walk daily along this trail from Macnaughton street to Kingsford Smith Drive, thence to Spofforth St and home again (often continuing along Stockdill Drive to Strathnairn or further), simply by crossing the road from my unit. I have observed its frequent use by other individuals, families and older people, for walking, running, dog exercising and occasionally by horseback riders as well. As I am myself in the 65+ age bracket, I would like to think that I can continue to benefit from the amenity this offers, without needing to drive to a walking location further afield or confining myself to the footpaths and streets.
2. Noise/danger from increased traffic - I have lived in this complex for 5 years and have already experienced a noticeable increase in noise from traffic on Drake Brockman, which fronts the main living area of my unit. Traffic noise is not confined to the usual morning & evening work 'Rush hour', but includes traffic to places west of here. I used not to be able to hear traffic in my bedroom at the opposite end of my unit, but now I can, even in the early hours of the morning. I understand there is a proposal to make Drake Brockman a major access road for the proposed development, with more lanes eventually, and fail to see how this can be done without a severe impact in noise levels for residents.

Similarly, whilst it is still possible to cross safely, I wonder how this might be achieved with the traffic numbers predicted. If the lanes are increased to cope with the volume of traffic, it will be much more difficult to cross. I don't see how lanes can be increased without impact on (1) above not to mention visual amenity in (3) below, and basic safety. Please consider traffic refuges rather than level crossings, which are dangerous and not expected by drivers in suburban settings.

3. Visual amenity - presumably some noise abatement fixtures are to be considered, how will our views and general amenity be maintained? I bought my property here not only for the unit itself, but for its location next to the vineyards and paddocks and the views across the mountains. I do not want to lose those.

4. River frontage/Strathnairn - in a wider context, I wish to express my concern that the river corridor not be compromised by the development, nor that of Strathnairn, which is an outstanding community asset and one which I frequent. Already, the ACT government has seen fit to destroy the rural amenity that was Coppin's Crossing, and now there is this proposal to develop further suburbs in one of the few relatively pristine rural areas left on our side of town.

Yours sincerely  
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