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Territory Plan Comments  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO. 351**

I write in support of Draft Variation 351.

The rezoning of this land in West Belconnen is in the interest of the ACT community.

The rezoning as proposed is to accommodate approximately 6500 dwellings within the ACT and associated retail (including a group Centre) and community infrastructure. This proposal will;

- provide significant private investment over 15 to 20 years;
- reinforce the population of the Belconnen Valley and the ACT generally for the long term future;
- provide a diversity in the settlement pattern of the ACT;
- reinforce the retail, professional, education, health and other community infrastructure functions of the Belconnen Town Centre and adjacent Bruce;
- reinforce demand for the retail, professional, and community infrastructure of the existing nearby Charnwood and Kippax Group Centres as West Belconnen grows;
- provide diversity of housing choice to the ACT community;
- offer new and diverse opportunities of affordable housing;
- realise the ACT Government's 2012 Planning Strategy vision that identified the West Belconnen area as a future urban investigation area for future possible settlement.

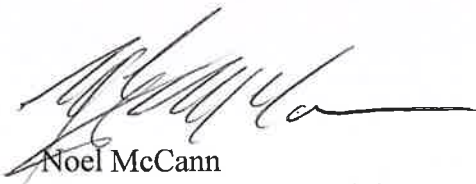


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I note that there is also an opportunity, subject to rezoning, for an additional 5000 dwellings to be located in New South Wales directly adjacent to and in practice form part of this West Belconnen rezoning proposal of Draft Variation No. 351. Canberra Airport also supports this proposal.

The combined Housing Estate of 11,500 dwellings will deliver 25-30 years land supply and reposition the Belconnen community as the largest population settlement of Canberra.

Yours faithfully

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