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Dear Territory Planners

## **Brief Comments on the proposed DV351 West Belconnen Urban Development territory plan variation**

This is a major exercise and I do not have the time to do it justice. I would just like to make the following brief points.

### **Transport**

West Belconnen is a long way from Civic, and a reasonable distance from Belconnen. If this new development is to go ahead, then it needs better transport connections. Given that the ACT government has decided to invest in light rail, then it should go out to West Belconnen. Active transport should also be encouraged. The development should be dense and safe enough that people feel happy to walk to local destinations.

### **Consistency with ACT Greenhouse gas reduction targets?**

Is this increased development consistent with the ACT government's legislated greenhouse gas reduction target?

### **Affordability/public housing.**

Canberra has a housing affordability crisis. This development should have at least 10% public housing to help address the issue. Planning regulations should encourage smaller not larger dwellings.

### **Urban Form**

Do we really want Canberra to get bigger? Our planning documents have been pushing consolidation for years so I am surprised that this is the proposed direction.

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