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Mr Tom Duncan
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ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2017 regarding petitions No. 28-17 and 29-17 lodged by Ms Le Couteur MLA.

I understand the petitions bring to the attention of the Assembly concerns about the following:

- Protection of the Red Hill natural environment;
- Retention of existing green space in Hughes, Deakin and Garran; and
- Suspension of all development until a master plan has been developed for the Red Hill Nature Reserve, the Federal Golf Club, Deakin section 66 and any open space land adjacent to the Nature Reserve.

In relation to this matter, the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution on 25 October 2017 which halts Territory Plan variations adjoining the Red Hill Nature Reserve until an integrated plan has been prepared for the Nature Reserve and surrounding areas. This includes the Federal Golf Club and Deakin section 66. In this regard, I believe that the integrated planning process stipulated by the resolution will also address the issues raised in the petitions.

I have requested the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) undertake to prepare an integrated plan that addresses the resolution and considers the cumulative effects of development in the area.

Once EPSDD prepare a draft plan, the various community and environmental groups, key stakeholders and the general public will be consulted before the plan is finalised.

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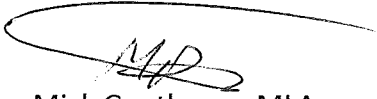
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I look forward to providing the Legislative Assembly an update on the Red Hill Nature Reserve and surrounds later this year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MG', is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

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Minister for Planning and Land Management

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