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Dear Mr Fletcher

Federal Golf Club – Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2019 about the development at the Federal Golf Club.

I am aware that on 17 December 2018, the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy notified the proposed development of the Federal Golf Club Retirement Village, Red Hill (EPBC 2018/8277) to be a controlled action for assessment under the bi-lateral agreement with the ACT Government. I can confirm that any proposal determined to be a controlled action under the bi-lateral agreement must be assessed through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under *ACT Planning and Development Act 2007*.

The current proposed development at the Federal Golf Club would also require a variation to the Territory Plan. In this regard, all Territory Plan variations adjoining the Red Hill Nature Reserve are on hold pending the finalisation of the Integrated Plan for the Red Hill Nature Reserve and surrounds. As such, an EIS assessment cannot proceed for the current proposal until the Integrated Plan for the Red Hill Nature Reserve is completed.

I can also confirm that the ACT Planning Strategy 2018 investigation of land under concessional leases (item 4.1.3) has commenced. This work will inform a number of policies and projects currently underway, including the integrated planning process for Red Hill.

I trust this clarifies the situation and I thank you for your continued involvement in the integrated planning process.

Yours sincerely

Ben Ponton
Director General
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