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Dear Ms Makin

Thank you for your letter of 25 March about the Yass Valley Council's Planning Proposal for Parkwood.

I can confirm that the ACT Government supports the proposal to rezone land on the NSW/ACT border for urban settlement, recognising this as an essential step to progress the Ginninderry development. Your letter indicated the need for consultation to occur broadly across the ACT Government, and I can confirm that this response has been developed in consultation with the following ACT Directorates:

- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development
- Community Services
- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development
- Health
- Justice and Community Safety
- Transport Canberra and City Services
- ACT Policing

The ACT Government's preferred option to support the successful delivery of Ginninderry is that the border between the ACT and NSW is moved. This would mean that the entire Ginninderry development is contained within the ACT's service delivery jurisdiction. This has been the consistent position of the ACT Government throughout the planning and development of the Ginninderry project.

Ginninderry is a Joint Venture between the ACT Government and Riverview Developments, and we are committed to ensuring it is an integrated and well-served community, regardless of where the border lies. Moving the border would be the simplest solution to achieve this as it would eliminate many cross-border complexities regarding standards and the logistics of service delivery.

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However, I commend the collaboration that has occurred between Yass Valley Council, the ACT Government and the NSW Government to date on early planning for the provision of services in NSW, in particular the Cross Border Forums held over the past years. Close cooperation between our governments has ensured this project has progressed in a careful and considered manner and that we can advance the core objective of a community that looks and feels 'borderless'.

We will keep working together to determine the best and most cost effective way to deliver services in Ginninderry. Noting that the development won't break ground in NSW until 2034, the priority services areas for continuing joint consideration are:

- Municipal services;
- The provision of key utilities and associated regulatory requirements;
- Emergency and community safety, including police, fire and ambulance services;
- Family and community support services, including care and protection; and
- Education.

As we progress consideration of these issues, the ACT Government's focus will be on identifying models that support high quality service provision, in a context of appropriate and equitable cost sharing and recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the planning proposal. This development is a key project to meet the future housing needs of the growing Canberra Region, and I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure a high standard of service delivery for the residents of Ginninderry.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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