

Statement by Sustainable Australia (ACT)

Sustainable Australia is a party from the political centre, aiming to secure an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable Australia.

Our 2016 ACT election campaign policy priorities are as follows:

- *Save Canberra from overdevelopment
- *Lower rates
- *Protect our trees.

But we don't just focus on overdevelopment, rates and trees. We have released a range of ACT-specific policies including Economy & Jobs, Energy, Environment, Gambling, Housing, Planning, Public Service, Rates, Community Councils...

Full details can be found here:

<http://www.votesustainable.org.au/act>

Sustainable Australia is pleased to be able to answer 'yes' to each of the five dot points in Peter Lundy's 29 September 2016 letter.

Sustainable Australia is standing two candidates in each of the five ACT electorates.

Our 'Planning' policy is one of fourteen policies for the ACT election and complements our 24 policies at the national level.

Our ACT Planning policy is as follows:

The ACT should restore independent planning processes so as to protect Canberra's unique urban and natural environments.

Specific policy priorities include:

- * Recognise that both our ever-growing urban infill and sprawl increases our collective environmental impact (ecological footprint), and therefore both undermine ecological sustainability.*
- * Allow more involvement and authority to local communities, including through community councils, in regards to local planning processes.*
- * Restore the National Capital Authority with a genuinely independent mandate, including a strengthened National Capital Plan so as to protect Canberra's unique setting and environment.*
- * Restore the ACT Planning and Land Authority with a genuinely independent mandate.*
- * Hold a broad community planning forum to consider what the community wants Canberra to look like in 2050.*
- * Ban property developer donations to political parties.*
- * Establish an independent ACT Commission to monitor and expose corruption and misconduct by ACT politicians and officials.*

As a Canberra resident since 1984 I very much value the special heritage provided by Albert Hall. I am familiar with the Land Management Plan concerning Albert Hall and

wish to commend your association on the tremendous work you do in protecting this treasure for the current and future generations.

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