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For the attention of :

The Honorable Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

The Honorable Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Heritage

The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP
Minister for Regional Development, Territories,
and Local Government

Mr Ben Morton MP
Chair of the Joint Standing Committee for the
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Mr Andrew Barr
MLA Chief Minister ACT Government,
Minister for Urban Renewal

Mr Mick Gentleman
MLA Minister for Heritage Planning

Our Ref.: GJ/TK/18

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Dear Sirs,


ICOMOS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites - a unique, non-governmental, not-for-profit international organisation, committed to furthering the conservation, protection, use and enhancement of the world's cultural heritage - held its 19th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Delhi (India), December 2017.

During this event, which gathered over 1000 participants and guests from 113 countries, and saw 65 ICOMOS National Committees represented, a Resolution concerning the "**Conservation of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape, Australia**" (n° 19GA 2017/15) was unanimously approved and adopted (see the full resolution below).

ICOMOS requests the Australian national and state authorities to halt planned infill development to ensure the removal of threats and to ensure that the inclusion of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape to the National Heritage List is progressed without further delay, and furthermore that all development and use of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape, including that proposed in the West Basin, be guided by an overarching conservation management plan.

ICOMOS, through its joint ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes and ICOMOS Australia, remains at your disposal for support in ensuring that the cultural heritage significance of this outstanding heritage landscape is safeguarded, and its heritage and environmental values protected.

Yours sincerely



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Resolution 19GA 2017/15 - Conservation of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape, Australia

The 19th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the ICOMOS International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (The Venice Charter, 1964); the ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas (1987); the ICOMOS Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas (2011); and the ICOMOS Xi'an Declaration on the Conservation of the Setting of Heritage Structures, Sites and Areas (2005);

Recognising that the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape is of national heritage value as a unique cultural landscape that is an integral part of the designed city of Canberra;

Noting with concern that the current development proposals threaten to substantially change the landscape, adversely undermining its cultural heritage value;

Taking account that the current management framework around the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape is inadequate for such a significant heritage landscape, and measures urgently need to be taken to address this;

Expresses concern that National Heritage Listing by the Australian Government to conserve the outstanding heritage value of the cultural landscape has not progressed;

Requests that the planned infill development should be halted to ensure the removal of threats to identified national heritage;

Requests the Australian Government to ensure that the inclusion of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape to the National Heritage List is progressed without further delay;

Calls on the Australian Government to investigate and activate all possible measures to ensure that all development and use of the Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape, including that proposed in the West Basin, be guided by an overarching conservation management plan that recognizes the cultural heritage significance of this outstanding heritage landscape and protects the heritage and environmental values;

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