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**Acton submission**

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Hi Juliet

Below is a further submission sent to NCA today. Just found the first Optus signal for days at William Creek, Oodanatta Track, SA - pretty remote, just S of Lake Eyre!

Trevor

**Submission regarding the Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan****Road System:**

The current Plan shows a road system adjacent to the Lakeshore all the way around the Peninsula. This will seriously detract from the peaceful amenity of the area and require expensive reclamation of the existing Lake. New roads should be minimised in the Plan area and not be through routes. A sensitively designed footpath around the peninsula shores would much improve the area, and there is no reason to change the existing cycle path and road arrangements, which would just attract more traffic.

**Heritage:**

The proposed new Lakeshore road and cycle path (and related Lake infill) would have a serious impact on the heritage values of the Acton Geological Site limestone boulders. Currently the Site is a natural landscape area with native trees and a soft edge to the Lake, reflecting the natural state of the Molonglo river shores of which the limestone boulders are a reminder. This natural landscape is an important historic link with the naming of the Limestone Plains. A wooden boardwalk through the area and retention of the current Lake shore would preserve these historic features while maintaining a continuous footpath around the Lake shore.

**Multi-use buildings:**

The proposed two buildings on the west shore of West Basin are placed within 15m or so of the Lake shore. If the proposed road, cycle path and footpath are built there would be no room for trees along the shore in this area. The Plan for West Basin east has a 50m set back for the proposed buildings, providing for a token parkland strip, and if these buildings have to be here they should at least maintain continuity with the arrangements for West Basin east. There should be a continuous parkland strip around West Basin. These buildings seem to have no determined purpose and are not essential to this area which is public parkland on national land and the property of all Australians. Most Australians would far rather have access to this area as a world class urban park. Buildings are just a short term excuse for revenue raising, revenue that will be quickly spent and forgotten, leaving the area blighted for generations to come.

If buildings are going to be built here (to the distress of many) then they should as a minimum blend in with the environment. It is ironic that the cover page of the Plan shows this area as an attractive treed shoreline which continues the line of the treed shores of the Central Basin and most of the Lake. If this is not to become just another West Kingston the proposed buildings should be effectively screened and the facings and glass of the buildings coloured green. The hotel at the right hand side of the entrance to Canberra Airport viewed from Mount Pleasant demonstrates just how effective this would prove. A

similar if less effective example is the blending of the ASIO building on Constitution Avenue when viewed from the south side of Central Basin.

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