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Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
Legislative Assembly for  
the Australian Capital Territory  
London Circuit  
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Dear Mr Duncan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom".

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2017 about petition No. 1-17 lodged by Ms Le Couteur MLA on behalf of certain Australian Capital Territory residents.

I understand the petition brings to the attention of the Assembly that, following widespread consultation, the Draft Master Plan for the Curtin Group Centre was published in November 2015. Further, the Community Engagement Report found that Curtin has a strong sense of community, and that the shopping centre's central courtyard should not be compromised with respect to sunlight. The final Master Plan has not yet been declared, but a development application has been lodged for a large, 24-metre, 6-storey development in the courtyard of the shopping centre of Curtin centre.

The petitioners have therefore requested that the Assembly ensure that, in the absence of the final Master Plan, the Minister follows the terms and recommendations of the Draft Master Plan for Curtin Group Centre to assess the acceptability of any development applications in the Group Centre and, in particular ensure that the amenity of sunlight in the central courtyard (Curtin Square) is maintained, and any buildings are limited to no more than 2 storeys on Curtin Square.

In relation to the development application (DA) lodged over Block 7 Section 62 Curtin (41 Curtin Place) for a six storey mixed use development, I am advised by the planning and land authority that their assessment of the DA was made against the requirements of the Territory Plan, with due consideration also given to the views of the community, including in relation to the requirements of the Draft Master Plan for the Curtin Group Centre. The DA was subsequently refused by the planning and land authority on the 15 February 2017.

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Any future DAs that are located within the Curtin Group Centre will be assessed by the planning and land authority in accordance with relevant planning legislation.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Planning and Land Management

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