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Mr Tom Duncan Clerk ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2013 advising of the lodgement of a petition for an additional service station in the Weston Creek area.

The Government is undertaking a master plan for the Weston Group Centre and as part of that process, has consulted extensively with residents and stakeholders on the issues for the centre and the wider district. The issue of a single service station for the district has been raised through that process and is one that is being considered as part of the master planning that is underway.

Achieving the best outcomes for residents and the successful operation of an additional service station site needs careful consideration and there are a number of sites in the area that could be suitable for such a development. Some of the matters that require examination include: individual site constraints; site servicing and access; traffic flow and potential traffic impacts; commercial feasibility; convenience for local residents; and market appetite and timing of release of a site.

The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate which has responsibility for delivery of the master plan is working with the Economic Development Directorate on this issue and a number of sites have been identified that could accommodate an additional service station. The Economic Development Directorate is finalising a feasibility study to identify a preferred site.

It is expected that the draft master plan will be released for public consultation in the early part of 2014 and a preferred site for an additional service station will be included in that process, to allow community input and comment. Following that input and in the context of the Weston master plan, the Government will decide the appropriate site for an additional service station and put in place the measures to ensure it can be delivered. This may likely include a rezoning of land such that release of a site should not be anticipated before the end of 2014.





The Government understands the importance of this issue to Weston Creek residents and is working to deliver an additional service station in as timely a manner as possible and in a way that will best serve the needs of Weston residents.

Yours sincerely

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