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MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

Mr Tom Duncan Clerk Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory London Circuit CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2014 about Petition No. 12-14 lodged by Mr Simon Corbell MLA on behalf of 140 Australian Capital Territory residents.

I understand the petition relates to the social and community problems associated with allowing short-term accommodation in residential apartment complexes. The petition requests the Assembly review legislation to allow residential apartments to remain only as people's homes and not be used as hotels, motels and for other short-term accommodation.

The matters raised in the petition reflect the experiences of all other States and Territories. I understand that the Australian Buildings Code Board will be discussing these issues at its next meeting in February 2015. My Directorate will be participating with a view to determining if there are practical measures that will mitigate the problems raised by residents.

On this basis, the Government does not support the petition being referred to the Assembly for a review at this time.

Yours sincerely

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Mick Gentleman MLA Minister for Planning 6 December 2014

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