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Member for Molonglo

The Hon Rob Stokes MP  
Minister for Planning  
52 Martin Place  
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Dear Minister <sup>Rob</sup>

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft South East and Tablelands Regional Plan. I have attached a consolidated response on behalf of the ACT Government.

I am encouraged by the draft Plan's recognition of the role of Canberra as the primary driver of growth for most of the South East and Tablelands region. This recognition in a key NSW strategic document establishes a strong framework for effective planning in the Canberra Region. The vision for the South East and Tablelands articulated in the plan – of a region well serviced and connected by critical infrastructure, with a strong and diversified regional economy – aligns well with the priority work areas guiding the ACT Government's regional development activities. In particular, our growing engagement with the Canberra Region Joint Organisation, and the ongoing cross-border cooperation supported by the recently refreshed ACT-NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration, are well supported by the emphasis and tenor of the draft Regional Plan.

The results of an internal whole of Government input process have been collated and tabulated in the attached document. Where relevant, the collated response identifies against each action item the appropriate ACT Directorate to work with NSW on progressing the actions of the plan.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to commend the Department of Planning and Environment on the commitment to engage with the ACT Government as a key stakeholder

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in the development of the Regional Plan and I welcome further opportunities to contribute to the plan as it is finalised.

The best contact in the ACT Government to facilitate this is:

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Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to this important planning document.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Minister

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