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Environment, Planning and  
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Mr Jon Stanhope  
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Dear Mr Stanhope *Jon*

### **ACT Government Discussion Paper – Towards a New Housing Strategy**

Thank you for your email dated 3 August 2017 about the ACT Government Discussion Paper – Towards a New Housing Strategy.

The announcement of the Minister's Affordable Housing Advisory Group and the development of a new ACT Housing Strategy re-establishes the Government's commitment to increasing the supply of affordable housing for households on the lowest incomes.

Members of the Group have been chosen by the Minister for Housing to provide an independent, external perspective of the challenges of housing affordability in the ACT and the possible responses that might be considered by the government in the development of a new housing strategy in 2018.

Public and industry consultation on a new Strategy has now closed however we would still welcome a late submission as outlined in your email. Further to this, at the request of the Minister's Advisory Group, I would like to invite you to share your ideas and experiences with them at the next Advisory Group meeting to be held at the ACT Legislative Assembly on Friday 6 October 2017. You can RSVP to the team at [affordablehousing@act.gov.au](mailto:affordablehousing@act.gov.au)

I also note your request to understand the analysis that has been undertaken as part of the review of the current Affordable Housing Action Plan. To that end I would invite you to speak directly with Mr Simon Tennent, A/g Director of the Government's Affordable Housing Policy on (02) 6205 4961 or email [simon.tennent@act.gov.au](mailto:simon.tennent@act.gov.au)

Thank you for your ongoing interest in affordable housing in the ACT.  
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*GR* September 2017