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Dear Mr Duncan 

Thank you for your letter of 2 June 2021 providing petition No. 28-21.

I note that the petition has also been referred to the Standing Committee for Planning, Transport and City Services (the Committee). While I will await the consideration of the Standing Committee, I wish to draw the Assembly's attention to statements in the petition.

Firstly, Draft Variation 375 is a proposed change to the Griffith Precinct Code for Griffith block 6, section 31. If approved, the changes to the Territory Plan would only apply to this block. The Draft Variation does not make any changes more generally to the RZ1 zone.

Secondly, with respect to the suggestion that this is a 'random rezoning', DV375 is not rezoning the site at Griffith block 6, section 31. The block will remain RZ1. DV375 proposes changes to the Territory Plan to enable a demonstration housing project to showcase best practice in an innovative housing product and typology. The block and the project have been subject to careful selection. This is consistent with the 2017 resolution adopted by the Assembly to provide demonstration housing to showcase best-practice in a number of areas relating to housing choice.

The Territory Plan changes to allow the Manor House are proceeding in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2007*. The Territory Plan Variation process requires considerable community consultation, and enables the Standing Committee and myself, as Minister, appropriate consideration of both the public consultation undertaken and how to proceed or otherwise with the draft variation. Any further changes to allow a Manor House in RZ1 would be subject to a further Territory Plan variation process, requiring a separate round of consultation and scrutiny.

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I thank you for referring this petition for my consideration and I trust this information clarifies the ACT Government's current position in relation to this petition.

Yours sincerely

  
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