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Minister Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Cc: ACT Heritage Council  
City Renewal Authority

Dear Minister Gentleman

## HAIG PARK

We raise concerns about the process that has evolved with this project and the potential for a very poor outcome.

A concept with activity zones and themes has been supplemented with proposals for short term experiments and long term improvement map. All this has been proposed without an endorsed Conservation Management Plan (CMP) or community input to the proposed ongoing conservation.

We would suggest that the correct process is:

- Establish the significance, opportunities and constraints, and conservation policies (usually through a CMP). We also believe that community input into establishing significance and policies is important.
- Prepare a concept/masterplan consistent with community input.
- Prepare detailed proposals with community input.

We have raised these concerns with the relevant officers since the beginning of the project and sought the opportunity to discuss our thoughts with the landscape heritage consultant without success.

Haig Park is significant and our concern is that the landscape heritage values will not be protected and the pressure that is likely to be placed on Haig Park to perform functions of quiet recreation, nature play, events and markets, exercise and formality, civic plaza, quiet reflection for Braddon and Turner, and Northbourne Avenue redevelopment. We are concerned that Haig Park will not survive and a great loss will occur.

All this from a poor process.

We seek your assurance that the CMP will be completed and endorsed, the community will have a chance to comment on it, and no further consideration of existing concepts (especially any decisions in relation to them) or development of new concepts for Haig Park occur before the above process is completed and then any work will be in accordance with the recommendations and policies established to protect heritage value.

Yours sincerely

Eric J Martin AM