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Mick Gentleman
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Dear Minister Gentleman

PROPOSED CANBERRA BRICKWORKS ACCESS ROAD

We have read the review of environmental factors and are alarmed at the statement in table 44.

It is understood that the ACT Heritage Council had originally proposed to list a larger portion of the Railway Remnants, **but reduced the curtilage at the request of the then Land Development Authority** (Kretowicz 2013). The ACT Heritage Council provided tacit approval for the removal of the unlisted portion when it agreed to reduce the curtilage.

It is clear that the railway alignment has heritage significance.

The ACT Heritage Council is meant to be independent and should not be directed to amend their decision or proposed heritage boundaries.

The "tacit approval" appears to indicate that the ACT Heritage Council were not asked for an opinion as it was not listed despite an earlier view that the curtilage had heritage value.

We suggest further consideration of the proposal be put on hold till a new independent assessment on the significance of the complete alignment in the area of possible change occurs, the impact of the proposal be reassessed and new recommendations be made. This advice should be available for public review.

Yours sincerely

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