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Mr Gary Kent and Ms Janet Hughes
Inner South Canberra Community Council and
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Dear Mr Kent and Ms Hughes

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell MLA, about envisaged increased parking pressures as a result of the introduction of pay parking on National Capital Authority land. Minister Corbell is currently on leave and I therefore will be responding in his absence.

The primary responsibility for introducing pay parking in the Parliamentary Triangle rests with the Commonwealth.

As previously indicated, officers from the Office of Regulatory Services and Territory and Municipal Services Directorate are liaising with the National Capital Authority (NCA) to ensure parking encroachment issues are thoroughly considered in implementing pay parking on national land.

Officers of the ACT Government and NCA meet and communicate as necessary to manage the multiple aspects of the introduction of pay parking in the Parliamentary Triangle. However, I would be pleased for you to discuss your concerns with senior officials from the Office of Regulatory Services. David Snowden, Senior Director of Road Transport will return from leave on 3 February 2013, and would be happy to discuss this matter with you after that date. Mr Snowden can be contacted on (02) 6207 9828.

Operational arrangements provide the flexibility to increase patrols where necessary to discourage illegal parking in areas where overflow parking becomes a concern. The NCA has indicated that it will expand the duties of some existing NCA staff to patrol the pay parking areas within the Parliamentary Triangle. Parking Operations staff currently patrols many of these areas at the request of the NCA. With the impending implementation of pay parking in the Parliamentary Triangle Parking Operations is reviewing the allocation of resources to best meet the expected influx of commuters seeking free parking in the areas around the

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Parliamentary Triangle. Parking Operations will increase and focus patrols in these areas through the implementation of pay parking to discourage illegal parking and to educate the public on legal options. Ultimately the amount of enforcement will be determined by compliance rates and the need to balance enforcement in these areas with other parts of the Territory.

In general terms, it is expected that residents manage parking of their vehicles to contain vehicles belonging to them within their tenancy. Where multi unit tenancies exist it is usually expected that the development provides some capacity for visitors' vehicles, but I acknowledge in the Inner North and Inner South on street parking, particularly within and around commuter destinations, is in high demand.

Work has begun to identify where additional parking controls are required. These controls will include time restrictions designed to discourage commuter use of on-street parking spaces. A limited number of 2-hour time limit zoned spaces will be provided throughout the suburban streets surrounding the Barton and Parkes employment areas to allow delivery vehicles, trades people and residential visitors to park within a reasonable distance of the locations they are visiting. Ongoing monitoring will inform future changes to parking restrictions in these areas. It is not practicable to provide separate on-street parking spaces for each of the different categories of people who may need to visit these areas as this would significantly limit the utilisation of the available space for all users.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in this matter. I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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