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Dear Mr Kent

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 2014 about Precinct Codes in relation to the review of neighbourhood plans for inner North and South Canberra suburbs. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Some initial work was undertaken within the Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) earlier this year. It has established that this piece of work would involve a review of all existing neighbourhood plans and potential past papers and variations. As such, continuing this review would require significantly more resourcing than was initially anticipated by EPD. At this point in time, there are no plans to continue with this project. Completing this project in the future would be dependent on government priorities and resources.

I intend to issue a new Statement of Planning Intent in 2015. This new Statement of Planning Intent will replace the statement published in 2010 by the then Minister of Planning, Andrew Barr MLA, and will state the Government's current planning intentions and directions.

Even though there is no formal requirement for public consultation on a Statement of Planning Intent, I see that the Statement of Planning Intent provides an excellent opportunity to engage with key interest groups and industry stakeholders directly on the priorities guiding government planning policy across the city.

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As such, community engagement on this project will occur in early 2015 and include stakeholder groups such as community councils as well as the broader community. I encourage the Inner South Canberra Community Council to be involved in this process.

Thank you for your interest in the Precinct Codes. I trust that I have clarified the current situation for you, and look forward to your input to the new Statement of Planning Intent and the various other planning initiatives underway.

Yours sincerely



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