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KBRG SUBMISSION ON DRAFT *PLANNING BILL 2022*

The Kingston and Barton Residents Group Inc. (KBRG) is an incorporated, voluntary, not for profit, non-political, community organisation that seeks to promote and protect the interests of our local community and the environment. We are very concerned about planning proposals, including policy and legislation, which may affect the local area, and have therefore taken a close interest in the draft Planning Bill.

KBRG opposes this draft Bill in its current form for the reasons set out in the submission made by Mr Richard Johnston, B.Arch., Dip. T&C Planning, Dip. Environ. Studies, Life Fellow Planning Institute of Australia. The comments in Mr Johnston's submission, while drawn from comparison with other jurisdictions, are directly relevant to the ACT planning review and do not require a major scaling up of administrative requirements. His comments are focused on key governance and procedural transparency requirements.

In particular, KBRG is concerned that the draft Bill is extraordinarily vague and perfunctory in its requirements for the content of the planning strategy, district strategies and (new) Territory Plan such that no-one reading the draft Bill can have any idea what these critical 'planning instruments' will look like.

We therefore call on the government to not further progress the draft Bill (apart from rectifying its deficiencies as identified by Mr Johnston) until at least a draft district strategy and a draft Territory Plan are available for scrutiny by the public.

Kathie Potts, Secretary
Kingston and Barton Residents Group Inc.

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