

Mr Mick Gentleman MI A

Minister for Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to advise you that Forrest residents held a General Meeting on Monday 13 February 2017 with a view to forming a Forrest Residents Group (FRG) and electing an Executive Committee.

A Forrest Residents Group, with an agreed Charter and an Executive Committee, to represent the interests of the community, has now been established.

According to residents' wishes, the Executive Committee seeks to be involved in future community consultations by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate on any issues affecting the suburb of Forrest and its surrounding area, including the Parliamentary Triangle and the Manuka Precinct (shops, oval and pool). Particular interests indicated by our members include development applications for the suburb, NCA land, development height creep, and movement from single to multi-unit developments. Our members are also keenly interested in the maintenance or removal of trees, any changes to the designation of green spaces, traffic management and roads, parking and heritage.

Ongoing security of the area, in view of its proximity to Parliament House and Manuka, is also an issue of increasing concern.

A copy of our Charter, as agreed at our meeting, may be viewed at www.forrestresidents.org.

We may be contacted through our email address mail@forrestresidents.org.au

Sincerely,

Margaret Atcherley

Chair