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Dear Mr Smith

Further to correspondence from the Territory Planning Authority dated 23 September 2025 regarding Block 1582 Belconnen, The ACT Government is seeking amendment to the National Capital Plan to allow a permanent green waste facility and provision of landscaping supplies for what is currently identified as a temporary use within the current broadacre zoning. This is of critical urgency for the Territory and I'm seeking the National Capital Authority's support for the permanency of the green waste facility, delivering on the Territory's housing supply ambitions.

The Ginninderry urban development program is currently encumbered by the existing Parkwood Road green waste facility located on the West Belconnen landfill. The green waste facility currently has an environmental clearance zone (ECZ) of up to 1,000m, preventing the release of critical housing to the market. In order to unencumber the project of the ECZs, a new location for the green waste facility, which services a large proportion of North Canberra, is required.

Extensive work has been undertaken to consider options for an alternative green waste site as outlined in the Oct 2022 Design Options Study (the Report) provided at [Attachment A](#). Block 1582 has been identified as the only viable site within Belconnen in the short term. This site has minimal ecological or cultural values on the land due to its historical land use as a vineyard. Additional due diligence investigations were undertaken to support a green waste DA (Development Application Reconsideration 202240118), which was approved for temporary use for green waste and composting in August 2023.

Whilst the purpose of the Report is broad, it outlines potential future waste sites within north Canberra and provides comprehensive justification for the selection of Block 1582 as the preferred site for a green waste facility. The study applied a rigorous multi-criteria analysis across potential sites in northern Canberra, considering factors such as buffer distances from sensitive uses, access to transport routes, environmental and heritage constraints, servicing requirements, and strategic alignment with district planning objectives. Block 1582 emerged as the least constrained site, offering low ecological and heritage risk, good connectivity, compatibility with surrounding land uses and immediacy of availability. Importantly, the Report explicitly identified Block 1582 as the most suitable location for the relocation of the Parkwood Road green waste facility.

Ginninderry's development program delivers on the Territory's housing supply commitments and requires lodgement of Subdivision Design Applications for areas within the existing green waste facility's ECZ. A decision to start construction of the green waste facility is required by March 2026 in order to avoid a material impact on the Territory's land release program. Before construction can commence, the Territory is seeking confirmation that a planning pathway is available for permanency of the green waste facility on Block 1582. Construction of the facility represents a significant investment, approximately \$8.5m in civil works alone, representing a challenging investment decision if the facility is only permitted on a temporary basis.

Given the urgency of this matter, I am writing to request your support to seek the NCA Board's consideration of this matter at its next meeting on 11 February 2026. I understand this matter has been discussed at a high-level between our respective Chief Executives and is therefore a matter that you may already be aware of.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and welcome an opportunity to discuss further if required.

Yours sincerely,

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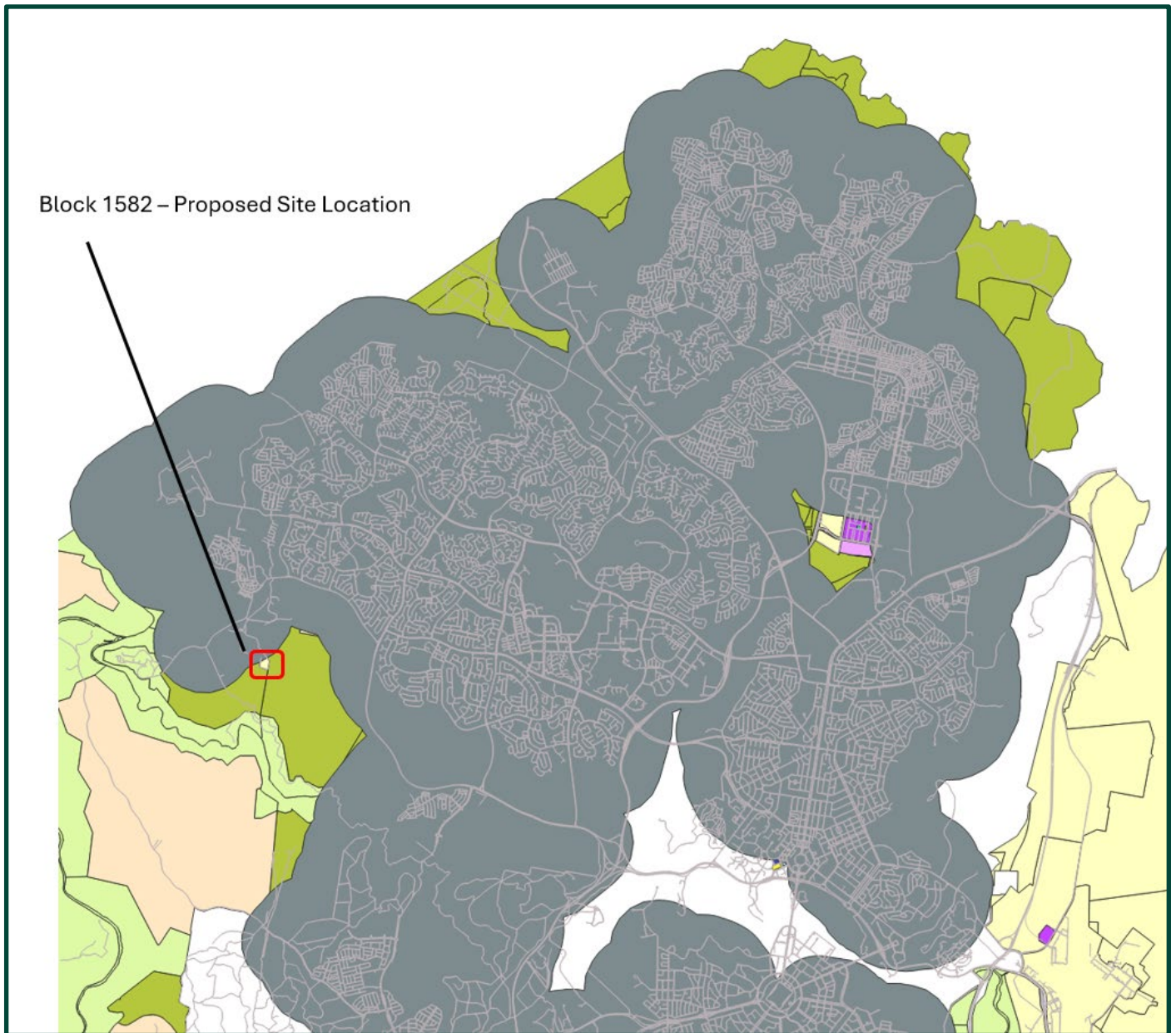
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Attachment A – Feasibility Study Mitchell RBC and Identification of Future Waste Sites in North Canberra

Appendix A: Maps – Locality map and 1000m ECZ buffer map

Appendix A – Greenwaste Locality Map and 1000m ECZ buffer map

Greenwaste Locality Map



1000m ECZ buffer Map

