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The National Trust of Australia (ACT) has several concerns with this proposal. The potential sale and development of the land may be subject to future development conditions but the expectation is for development in a form similar to that indicated. This raises concerns as listed below.

1 The Golden Sun Moth Habitat

This is a critically endangered species and there is no conclusive evidence provided that an acceptable and suitable offset is available or established.

This proposal should not progress further until this is completely resolved. To proceed on any assumption that it will be resolved is unacceptable and could cause substantial future problems as has been experienced with other projects where heritage issues have not been resolved before planning progresses, EG CSISO site Campbell.

2 Heritage Issues

It is noted that only listed heritage sites will be considered and nominated sites will be ignored. This is considered to not be the best practice and the heritage issues included in the nominations should be considered.

It is noted that the *“degree of impact on City Hill and Canberra the Planned National Capital would be significant and on the Parliament House Vista moderate”*.

This is fully detailed and supported by evidence in the heritage report and in itself should be sufficient reason to generate a complete review of the proposal.

The visual impacts fail to consider the views to/from the Lake, Vernon Circle, City Hill and Commonwealth Avenue which have been identified as significant views and detailed in previous studies. This impact on Commonwealth Avenue is considered to be moderate in the heritage assessments.

We consider that the proposal should not proceed at this stage and further work is required and any new proposals be presented again for community input.

Yours faithfully



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