

Appendix 5: Media release

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MEDIA RELEASE

The ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Maxine Cooper today invited public submissions to an important investigation into the ACT's lowland native grasslands

'The ACT Lowland Native Grasslands Investigation is important examination of a significant environmental feature of our Territory. Accordingly, I invite and encourage members of the public, stakeholders and interested parties to make submissions,' Dr Cooper said

The Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment is undertaking the investigation at the direction of Chief Minister and Minister for the Environment, Water and Climate Change, Jon Stanhope.

'ACT's lowland native grasslands are of regional and national significance and our current investigation will help inform efforts to appropriately monitor and protect them for future generations,' Dr Cooper said.

People who would like to make submissions should look at the Terms of Reference on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.envcomm.act.gov.au>

Submissions relating to the Belconnen Defence site need to be lodged by close of business on Friday 14 December 2007.

All other Submissions should be lodged by close of business Friday 25 January 2008. All submissions will be made public unless otherwise requested in writing. Anyone who has already submitted information, should advise the Commissioners Office if they do not want that information to be made public.

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