



Professor Ian Jacobs  
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Dear Professor Jacobs

**Re Establishment of a UNSW campus in the Woden Valley, ACT**

I am writing to seek your consideration of the establishment of your second UNSW Canberra campus in the Woden Valley, Canberra's first Town Centre. Woden is centrally located in the south of Canberra and has a large site available, the former CIT (TAFE) opposite the Canberra Hospital.

The south of Canberra (including Tuggeranong, Weston Creek and Molonglo), supports around 175,000 people, with Woden located only 7.6 km from Parliament House. While Canberra has four universities, none are located in these districts. A map of Canberra's existing universities and CITs (TAFEs) and the proposed site in Woden is attached.

A university located on the site opposite the hospital has a number of advantages as there is space for courses, research and student accommodation on the 55,600 square metre former high school site. In addition to the buildings, the site has a gym, access to playing fields and is within walking distance to the Woden Town Centre which is on Canberra's main north-south public transport alignment. The ACT Government has also committed to the second stage of light rail, which will connect the CBD to Woden.

The site could facilitate both an engineering innovation precinct and an integrated health and education precinct.

The Canberra Hospital is a large employer that provides a comprehensive range of specialist and acute care to more than 500,000 people in south east New South Wales. In addition, the Calvary John James Hospital is located in the nearby Deakin health precinct and the Australian Government's Department of Health, which provides policy advice to Government, is located in the Woden Town Centre.

Woden, a multi-cultural social and economic hub, is experiencing demographic changes as younger families and migrants move into our community. It is interesting to note that we have two Hindu temples for the large Indian community that reside in Woden.

With the commitment to light rail and the associated densification, our natural and built environment is facing challenges, similar to many other cities facing densification from high rise residential towers. We note your Built Environment Faculty as we have a strong understanding of the pivotal role planning plays in decisions that shape the future of our cities and we appreciate the social and economic significance higher education plays in building a strong and resilient community.

We acknowledge your interest in the Reid CIT site, however, to inform this significant investment we believe the many advantages of the Woden site should be considered. We are interested in your feasibility study and any options analysis you may have undertaken as part of your planning and would appreciate your feedback in order to understand the economic viability of the Woden site.

The ACT Government is supportive of residents working to find opportunities to improve the social and economic development of their communities. We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have and show you around the Woden campus. I can be contacted on 0420 533 809.

We have copied this letter to the ACT Government Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA, ACT Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Transport and City Services, Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research, Mr David Gonski, AC, Chancellor, UNSW and Professor Michael Frater, Rector, ADFA, UNSW.

Yours Sincerely



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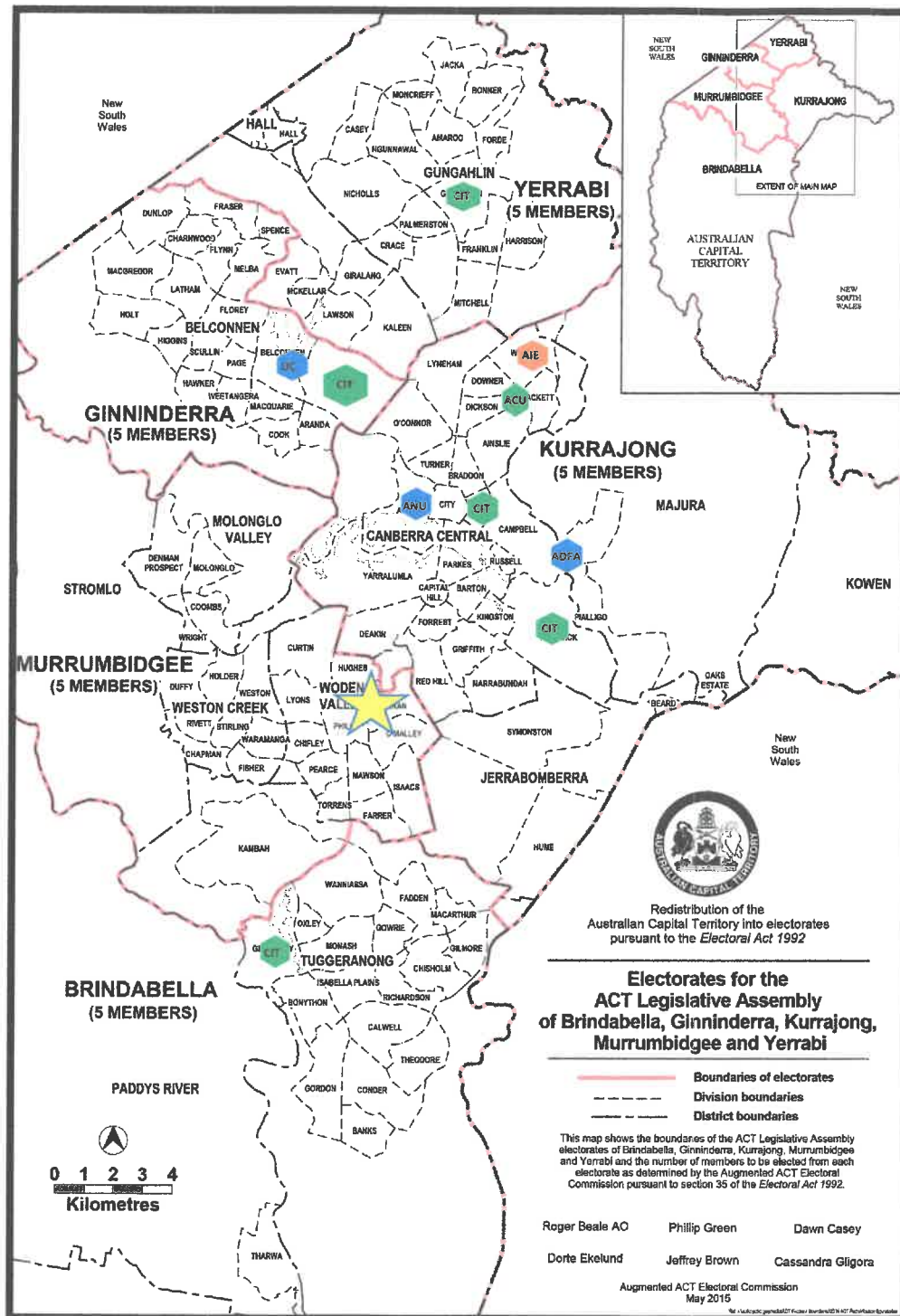


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~~Mr Tom Anderson~~  
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Weston Creek  
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# Location of Universities and CITs (TAFES) in Canberra



Proposed site in Woden



CIT – Canberra Institute of Technology

