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Mr Jason Cummings
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Dear Mr Cummings

RE: Proposed Woodlands Learning Centre at Throsby

The Australian Native Plants Society – Canberra Region (ANPS) was established in 1962. ANPS is a non-profit, voluntary community organisation dedicated to the growing, conservation, preservation, promotion and appreciation of Australian native plants. ANPS has over 250 members, including many working in a professional capacity in many spheres of native plants (e.g. ecology, botany, horticulture, entomology).

The ANPS has noted the proposal to construct a Woodlands Learning Centre (WLC) at the periphery of the new suburb of Throsby and adjacent to the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary. The WLC will acknowledge the cooperative research partnership between the ACT Government and the Australian National University in the establishment of the enclosed sanctuary area, as well as being an interpretation centre for Australian woodlands and the fauna that inhabits them.

The ANPS notes its prime location, and its proximity to a major tourist route and accommodation venues. We also acknowledge the diversity of potential usage of the WLC from general tourism through education institutions to applied research practitioners.

We note the building itself is proposed to be a state-of-the-art eco-building, including sensitive surrounding landscaping.

The ANPS strongly supports your proposal to apply for a crown lease custodianship for the establishment of the WLC, and wish you every success.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Butler
ANPS Conservation Officer
on behalf of
Lucinda Royston
President – ANPS Canberra Region

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