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Mr Vaughn Cox
Friends of the Pinnacle
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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your letters of 23 December 2010 and 11 January 2011 proposing an increase to the extent of the Pinnacle Nature Reserve.

Your proposal that the adjoining North Kama and the Bottom Pinnacle paddocks be added to the Pinnacle Nature Reserve has considerable merit. The lands contain a significant area of nationally endangered woodland and are important for woodland connectivity in this area of the ACT.

The addition of the lands to the reserve network would require a variation to the Territory Plan. This involves a process of public consultation and referral for advice to certain designated parties such as the Heritage Council and Conservator of Flora and Fauna.

Prior to any of the lands being added to the conservation reserve network, I would want to be assured that the Commonwealth would agree that these additions and their conservation management could be counted as offsets for developments elsewhere in the ACT requiring approval under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The ACT Government is currently seeking to gain the Commonwealth's agreement in this regard.

The future use of Kama Homestead is a matter that I have instructed officers within the Parks and Conservation Service to discuss with your group. I am mindful of maintenance and security issues, the cost effectiveness of different use options, as well as the potential for the homestead to be a centre for education, research and/or conservation activities. There are also several other community groups who have or may have an interest in the use of the homestead.

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I thank the Friends of the Pinnacle for the continuing regeneration activities that you are undertaking or participating in, and for bringing to my attention your vision of an expanded Pinnacle reserve and sustainable woodlands across ACT's landscape.

Thank you for raising these matters with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stanhope'.

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Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

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