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CANBERRA MUST HOST G20 IN 2014

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The ACT's Liberal senator has called on the Gillard Government to ensure Canberra is the host city of the G20 summit in 2014.

Months after the announcement that Australia would host the summit of world leaders, plans for Australia's hosting are proceeding with no explicit role for the national capital coming into consideration from the Labor Government.

Canberra looks to again miss out on an opportunity to prove its title as Australia's capital city.

"This is an opportunity that this city deserves, and I'm confident that Canberra is the best placed Australian city to host the summit," Senator Humphries said today.

"It wasn't so long ago that the then Labor Opposition condemned the Howard Government as 'not having done enough to ensure Canberra would host CHOGM', but now the chance has arisen for a Labor Government to put its money where its mouth is, and showcase Canberra for the G20.

"If Canberra was capable of hosting a meeting of 50-odd heads of government in 2000, it should certainly be able to host a meeting of 20 leaders in 2014.

With the global economy having gone through such dramatic changes recently, the world's eyes will be on future G20 summits.

"This is Canberra's chance to shine.

"I call on the ACT Labor members to join my call for the national capital to be given this chance," Senator Humphries concluded.