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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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Enquiry into Giralang Shops (relating to Petition No 4-21)
Kelly Baseler



To whom it may concern

I am a Giralang resident and have been for 8 years. I have a young family and would absolutely love to have a local shop to wander down to, to grab a coffee and let my kids play at a park. Instead we have a half constructed, abandoned, dangerous development site right next to our primary and preschool. It is derelict and paints a really poor image of Giralang.

The people who call Giralang home deserve to have a local shop and community hub like EVERY other Canberra suburb. This shop doesn't need to be fancy or have everything. Something small like the Spence shops would be perfect – a friendly grocer and café all in one and a park for kids. If this is unattainable, it would also be the perfect spot for a park and food trucks or coffee vans etc.

The 2020-21 ACT Budget allocated a large amount of funding for the upgrading of existing shopping centres, yet we don't even have a shopping centre.

I ask the ACT Government to please finally make something happen. This has been dragging on for far too long. Why are all the new suburbs getting amazing new cafes, parks and recreational areas yet Giralang is being overlooked time and time again?!

Kind regards

Kelly Baseler