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**Q1**

How you can use my information

**Yes, you can publish my completed survey with organisation name on the website (contact details will be removed)**

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**Q2**

My contact details

Organisation (Organisation name will appear on the Assembly website unless you request confidentiality.):

**Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (CAPaD)**

Name (Individual names and contact details will not be published.):

[REDACTED]

Phone number:

[REDACTED]

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Postal address:

[REDACTED]

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**Q3**

Please provide a brief overview of your organisation/group and its purpose.

The Canberra Alliance for Participatory Democracy (CAPaD) is a volunteer community group which aims to improve the quality of our democracy. Details can be found on our website <https://canberra-alliance.org.au> Our vision is a democratic Canberra, where citizens trust their elected representatives, hold them accountable, engage in decision making and defend what sustains the public interest.

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**Q4**

**No (go to question 6)**

Did you provide a pre-Budget submission to the ACT Government?

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**Q5**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you think that the issues raised in your pre-Budget submission have been addressed in the Budget?

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**Q6**

No

Has your organisation/group developed a written analysis of the ACT Budget that you would like to submit?

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**Q7**

Please list your top three priority areas for the 2021-2022 ACT Budget, in order of importance.

Priority 1

**Grant funding for community groups working to improve democracy, governance and political accountability. Funding needs to be available for capacity building, public engagement and core support (ie basic web, IT and office costs).**

Priority 2

**Wider eligibility within existing grants programs, or a new grants program, to meet this objective.**

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**Q8**

Please outline your views of the 2021-2022 ACT Budget in relation to your top three priority areas

Priority 1

**A healthy democracy needs groups that nurture and advocate for it! Volunteer and small not-for-profit groups working to improve democracy, participation and political/government accountability need access to funding. Even if the work is done by volunteers the costs of maintaining basic IT infrastructure, a website etc can be a big barrier to the effectiveness and reach of such groups. The amounts are small but the absence of any government (ie public) funding is glaring.**

Priority 2

**Ongoing, sufficient funding and independence for core functions that support the public interest and public accountability are essential eg ACT Integrity Commission, Auditor General, Electoral Commissioner and the Office of the Legislative Assembly (including its committee functions).**

Priority 3

**Funding support for Community Councils and suburb associations is also important for the health of ACT democracy.**

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**Q9**

No

Are there any other issues related to the 2021-2022 ACT Budget that you would like to bring to the committee's attention?

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