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To the Chair of the Standing Committee on Planning & Environment
Enquiry into DV 165 - Open Space Network Project
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Dear Mr Gentleman

I am spokesperson for Giralang residents who in 2001 presented a petition of 1200 signatures to the Legislative Assembly. We petitioned the Assembly to stop Block 3 section 79 Giralang from being released for development. As this was successful we then met with Simon Corbell as the new planning Minister and proposed the Block be returned to public use as a garden meeting place for Giralang. He remarked at the time that there was to be a review of Open Spaces and that "our" block would be considered in that review.

This Block is adjacent to and in front of the Giralang Primary School grounds and if it was built on the School would be totally obscured from Canopus Crescent. This raised concerns in the community regarding the amenity, security and safety of the School. There is already low visibility of the School because it is set back a considerable distance from the through road and is obscured by commercial buildings.

Disappointingly when the first draft variation was made public block 3 section 79 was not included as open space. We submitted our concerns and proposed community usage to ACTPLA for consideration in the consultation process.

We are delighted to see in the final recommendations, into which the Standing Committee is enquiring, that our submission has been successful and that the block is to be formally incorporated into the the Urban Open Space Network. This is an excellent and long awaited outcome for the Giralang community. We submit that this recommendation remain and be agreed to.

regards

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