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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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I moved into Giralang as a kid in 1978, when there was only half a suburb established. I went to Giralang primary and I have lived in the same house for 43 years buying it off my parents in 1993. In the early days, I can remember a leisure centre with pinball machines, shops, a pharmacy, a take-away, hairdressers, and a tavern.

What there is now is just a scar on the landscape and on my memories. I think it is a disgrace that a developer can play with other people's lives for simple greed holding a suburb for ransom for nearly 20 years. Take the land away from this developer, fine him, he has had way too long.

For my two cents, the ACT government should take control and build a modern public library with a café community centre.

I am guessing there won't be too many submissions for this and that is because most people do not want to spew out the true anger at this developer and Government for allowing such a travesty to occur.

Living in hope

Richard Mathe