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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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To the Chairman

I am writing in support of the Giralang Shops development and a swift resolution.

We have lived in Giralang since 2001 when it was a significantly more vibrant and community focussed suburb. However, over the past almost 20 years we quickly saw the demise of the shops and the longstanding and drawn out battle for a new community hub. During this time the wishes of the residents have been very clear and which are to replace and improve the local shops. However, the Government and developers have continued to argue over planning laws that are clearly outdated and need to adapt.

Every day for us means driving past the derelict building site in the heart of the suburb. The site is overgrown, untidy, unsightly and poses a significant safety risk in front of the primary school. The situation as well as the derelict site itself is demoralising and beyond frustrating. It does not reflect positively on our suburb (including property values) that was built with the concept of community connectedness in mind (open plan, green spaces, central hub). The ongoing battle has dashed the hopes of residents time and time again, while many other suburbs of similar vintage see upgrades and improvements to their local services.

We would like to see an end to this situation and agreement to replace what we had and which provides:

- A mixed use shopping area that offers opportunities for small businesses for local products and services including a café / fresh produce
- A small supermarket to cater for everyday needs (and which are often standard for small shopping centre)
- A community space that could include a play area for kids
- Enhanced parking that accommodates and doesn't impinge on the local school and
- A commitment that the views of those who actually live in this suburb are respected and heard.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my views and I hope you take this into serious consideration.

Kathy Dunn

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