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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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The Chairperson
The Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Enquiry into Giralang Shops (relating to Petition No 4-21)

I am grateful to the Legislative Assembly for conducting this enquiry into the state of the Giralang Shops site.

I have lived in Giralang since 2015 and consider myself to be an involved member of the Giralang community. Upon moving here, I was excited by the proposed upcoming rebirth of the Giralang shopping precinct but am yet to see any real progress.

I understand that there have been legal issues that have prevented the current developers to halt and abandon the project but have been personally disappointed with the lack of Government intervention and response in relation to this matter up with the needs of the community largely ignored by the ACT Government.

In my time here I have witnessed the site of the Giralang shops go from bad, to worse.

As a parent who frequently attends the adjacent Primary and Pre School, both myself and my daughters have fallen victim to trip hazards, such as broken concrete, incorrectly placed/moved fencing and accumulated rubbish on the edge of the site embankment.

The current neglected state of the site is more than an eyesore, it poses considerable danger to Community Members. Becoming a dumping ground for stolen goods, illegal cuttings, squatting and is evidently a hazardous and unsafe site.

I strongly urge the government to consider the terms of the lease of this site to enable the construction of premises that will allow for:

- an anchor tenant e.g. supermarket of a commercially viable size
- a number of other smaller commercial tenants e.g. cafes, post office etc.
- some affordable residential development
- some designated community/ communal space

I thank you for giving this matter your urgent consideration.

Sincerely,

Briony MacGregor

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