



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Redirected to: Chief Minister

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In relation to: Molonglo Town Centre – Education and Community Facilities

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Answer Due: 10/08/2026

Minister

The Government has fixed a target of dwellings for Molonglo Town Centre, but the central education, recreation and community precinct remains subject to further investigation.

1. Why are the dwelling targets and residential land releases locked in, while the central education, recreation and community precinct remains “subject to further investigation”? What remains unresolved and when will those investigations be completed?
2. When will the high school and college plans be available for consultation and when is construction expected to commence?
3. Which community, recreation and sporting facilities are guaranteed, rather than indicative, and can the Government guarantee that land identified for those purposes will not later be converted to residential or commercial development?
4. What assurance can the Government give Molonglo residents that education and community infrastructure, wellbeing and quality of life are being given the same priority and certainty as housing delivery and land sale revenue?

Thank you

ANDREW BARR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The education precinct requires additional investigation to ensure it meets future education needs and delivers the best possible sport and recreation outcomes through shared facilities. Achieving this on a highly constrained site, while balancing topography, tree retention, ecological values and transport infrastructure requirements, requires more detailed planning than is typically undertaken at the master plan stage.

The precinct will accommodate a public high school, college, town oval and indoor sports and recreation facilities, making it central to the town centre's success as both a physical and functional hub.

Further work is being undertaken with the Education Directorate and Sport and Recreation stakeholders to confirm the optimal layout. Information on the final facility layout is expected to be published by the end of 2026.

2. The education precinct and its configuration will be further considered through the subdivision design application process. This is anticipated to occur throughout late 2026 and early 2027. SLA, the Education Directorate, CMTEDD (Sport & Recreation Branch) and Infrastructure Canberra are working together to establish and coordinate construction timeframes.

3. The education precinct is a committed component of the plan and is a requirement of the Territory Plan. The precinct will accommodate a public high school, college, town oval and indoor sport and recreation facilities. Further outdoor sport & recreation facilities to supplement the requirements of the Territory Plan are currently being investigated. These facilities will be located on Community Facility Zoned (CFZ) land, reflecting their intended long-term education, recreation and community purpose.

The designation of the land as continuous CFZ precinct, provides certainty for the delivery of the planned education and sporting facilities; it is not intended to be used for other purposes.

4. The Government is committed to ensuring that community infrastructure, education, and wellbeing are planned and delivered alongside housing growth. Through integrated precinct planning, close coordination with service providers, and ongoing investment in schools, health, transport, recreation and community facilities, Government is working to ensure Molonglo develops as a complete and connected community.

While land sales help fund the infrastructure needed to support growth, decisions on future development are guided by the long-term needs of residents.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA