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Good Afternoon

Hall village is a service centre for the district, most of which falls in NSW. The Towards 2020 policy ignores this fact.

Since the closing of the Hall school I have noticed less people around the Hall area. If their children aren't attending school in Hall - why would they stop in Hall on their way home to pick up milk etc from the local shop. To me closing the Hall Primary School seemed like a backward step - not forward.

I believe the Hall School should re-open - I believe in smaller rural schools, the need for a school to bring people together from a rural community and the fact that our family lives approx 10 mins from the Hall Village, I would love to be able to send my son to school there in the future. I am not alone here - I know of at least 10 other children (ages ranging from 2-4) that would also attend Hall Primary School if re-opened and that is just on my road. If you also look at surrounding areas - Wallaroo, Murrumbateman, Kaveney's, Springrange roads (to name a few) the numbers would be astounding.

The Hall Community is not only made up of Hall residents - this fact is very important in considering to re-open the school - the number of young families around Hall - in NSW is increasing greatly.

I commute to Canberra for work - am I expected to drive to Yass or Murrumbateman daily before then heading into Canberra to go to work?

I ask you to please consider these points mentioned - we all want to shop and support the community of Hall.

Thanks

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