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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into Giralang shops On 3 March 2021 the Planning, Transport, and City Services Committee agreed to inquire into Petition No 4-21 concerning Giralang Shops, lodged in the Assembly 10 February 2021 and seek on behalf of the Giralang Community an update from the developer on the progression of the Giralang Shops Development.

This inquiry into the delay to construction and lack of update from the developer of the Giralang shops, is long overdue. Like many other Giralang residents, I feel completely let down by the current "Development" process and have lost confidence in the ACT Government. It is clear that the ACT Government is not prepared to step up to ensure that a shopping precinct will be progressed on this site. I was hopeful of the shopping precinct's eventual return: having been a resident of Giralang since 1994, I witnessed a time when local Giralang shops were well patronised, despite being run down and apparently unsupported by the Building Owner. My understanding from that time is that an increase in rents and a lack of maintenance caused a decrease in patronage that led to the majority of tenants being unable to sustain their businesses.

Moreover, I share grave concerns for the safety of the community with such a derelict and dangerous site in close proximity to the Giralang Primary School. The current site is littered with building rubble and rubbish and the fencing is insecure. One would expect that it is the Developer's responsibility to keep the site clean and safe.

The ACT Government has failed to communicate with the community and has failed to ensure this "Development" is progressed iaw the Planning Act and WHS. To date, it is clear that the Developer has not been managed properly and that the Developer is clearly non-compliant with the terms of the DA and is not being held to account.

Giralang deserves better: the ACT Government must take charge as the responsible entity, then should sack the "responsible" Minister, then go about sacking the current "Developer", then draft a fresh plan with more floor space that will provide adequate amenity for the Giralang community (as other suburbs are enjoying) or if this is deemed to be unachievable: discounting our rates by 80% backdated.

Yours faithfully

Robert Kyle

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