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To: Committees
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Dear Committee Members

Re: ACT Legislative Assembly inquiry into school closures and reform of the ACT Education System

2. 1. ACT Govt "Towards 2020" policy. Hall Village is a service centre for the district (most of which falls in NSW). As such, I believe it should have its full complement of services, and this includes re-opening of the Hall Primary School.
3. Impact of school consolidation and closures: Businesses in Hall Village are directly affected by the closure of the school, and the health of the village has been compromised, as parents of school-age children may not be inclined to move into the Village, or may be inclined to move away from the village because of travel-to-school difficulties.
4. My personal response: I see Hall Village as an historic centre and worthy of preservation. For Hall Village to stay productive, it needs all the facilities, including the school. The village is a community of caring and interactive people and should not be disadvantaged by the removal of any of its services. I lived in Hall Village for a number of years, and although have since moved on for personal reasons, I still feel warmly about the experience of life in Hall Village.

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