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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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To Whom It May Concern

I wish to contribute my thoughts to the inquiry into the Giralang Shops.

I have been a resident of Giralang since 2013. During this time the 'shops' have transitioned from derelict buildings, through a demolition site, to the eyesore that it currently is today.

The current half built/half derelict site, right next to a primary school, is an accident waiting to happen. The security around the site is inadequate, especially over such a long period of time. The developers started to make progress, and then suddenly halted. It is time that action is taken to move forward. In addition to the obvious dangers of the site, it is doing little to increase property values in the area, potentially the opposite in fact.

Giralang is lovely suburb, full of families of all age ranges. There is a strong sense of community in the area, as demonstrated through events such as cleaning up the local ponds, the Buy Nothing Group and other activities arranged by local residents. A shopping precinct would be an ideal hub that brings the community together even more. Imagine families that use the local playing fields being able to shop, meet friends, grab a meal on their way home. The suburb has so much potential that is being wasted through lack of amenities.

I urge the Government to take action on providing for the residents of Giralang as soon as possible.

Thank you

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