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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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Dear Committee,

I have been a resident of Giralang for many years.

Previously, the shops were viable with an IGA supermarket, Newsagency, Vietnamese restaurant, Hairdresser, and others. Former tenants of the Giralang Shops have successfully relocated their businesses to neighbouring suburbs and are still viable today. The developer's inability to secure a supermarket tenant should not be considerable a reasonable excuse for their lack of development of the shops.

The developer obtained the land in the early 2000s and land is worth considerably more. They have left the site in a derelict state and it is an eyesore and possible danger to the safety of children.

The ACT Government should:

- Resume the land from the developer, compensate them based on the price they paid in early 2000s less the cost to return the site to grass land.
- Turn the site into a grassland/parkland, this would be visually more appealing and remove the safety risk
- Then, auction the land for redevelopment whilst maintaining that commercial tenancies must be in part of the lease – these could be for professional services, cafes, a larger supermarket or small businesses
- If the land is reoffered for sale that the ACT Government include a **sunset clause** for **practical completion** and that this be within a few years
- This will avoid the same situation from repeating in the future.
- Alternate option for the site could be an aged care facility
- The site should remain a mixed used if apartments are constructed

The Government made election promises to address town planning and housing.

**Do not reward the developers for land banking.**

Felicity Goyne