



# Inquiry into the provision of municipal services in Canberra

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Taimus Werner-Gibblings MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services

Redirected to: Yvette Berry, Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to: Vehicle access to neighbourhood ovals

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I have previously raised concerns regarding vehicular access to neighbourhood ovals.

Fadden Neighbourhood Oval can be easily accessed by vehicles from multiple nearby roads due to the absence of bollards or rocks at several points (predominantly Ogden Close). Theodore Neighbourhood Oval presents similar issues from Ern Florence Crescent.

Noting that a full perimeter fence is not an appropriate solution as it would restrict public access, is work underway to assess and protect ovals such as Fadden and Theodore that currently lack protective infrastructure to prevent unauthorised vehicle access?

**Yvette Berry MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Fadden Neighbourhood Oval and Theodore Neighbourhood Oval are dryland ovals. The City and Environment Directorate (CED) does not generally install additional infrastructure, such as bollards or rocks, at dryland ovals to prevent unauthorised vehicle access. CED recognises the importance of protecting public open space and will consider future funding opportunities that may support measures to limit vehicle access at dryland ovals.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

Signature:

By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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