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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES

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Submission No 50 -

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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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To whom it may concern

**Re: Inquiry into Giralang Shops**

As a resident of the Giralang community, I would like to express my concerns about the long, outstanding and unresolved Giralang shop development.

My husband and I purchased our home in Giralang in 2008, whereby we have raised our three children. Our eldest child currently attends Giralang Primary with the younger children to commence primary school in the coming years. I mention this as the school is situated adjacent to the abandoned site. This site has and continues to be unkept, a safety risk and an eyesore for the Giralang community. I'm sure there are many members of the community that share a similar concern that a child (or adult) will be severely injured through entering the unsafe, unsecure site if not corrected.

It would be great to see the site accommodate a range of small/ medium enterprises – hence supporting a **local** approach. In doing so there are several benefits including;

- Saving time and money
- Personalised service
- Enjoy unique and boutique style business in our community
- Return support (local small businesses typically support the local community including schools and sporting teams)
- Improved local economy- local money stays within the community
- Employment of local residents.

I don't see it is essential for a large supermarket to occupy the development – it could be just as beneficial to have a grocer that focuses on low food miles - strengthening the local community and protecting small farms, local jobs and local shops.

A hub (that includes a grocer and coffee shop...) would be supported well from such a vibrant community!

It's been long enough that Giralang has been without local shops and support from the ACT Government would be appreciated.

**Claire Reynolds**