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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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Giralang Shops Inquiry Submission

I, Paul Calvert, write this submission as a Giralang resident and chair of the Giralang Primary School Board.

The site:

The site has been sitting derelict for too long.

It looks awful.

It poses a safety risk.

It is wasted opportunity. There must be viable business opportunities for this site.

It is in the heart of the Giralang community opposite the primary school in a high traffic area near football fields etc.

What I want

Residents want to see *something* happen

Either develop the site as agreed or relinquish it to someone who will

I'd love to be able to get a decent coffee when I drop the kids off to school. I'm sure many people feel the same.

I'd love to have a nice local restaurant to take my young family

Somewhere to go when the kids are playing sports on the playing fields

Size limit of 1000sqm

Under what authority is this imposed?

Is it an actual blocker?

Can it be lifted?

If it were to be lifted would an anchor tenant be easier to find?

Nikias Diamond

Full of promises but never delivers

A footpath that runs from the underpass at Canopus Cres to the back of the school – not delivered

Agreed to help build the fence for the Giralang Garden Collective – never did

What conditions need to exist for the site to be developed? (in the next year?)

If the size limit is not an issue are there any other blockers?

ACT Government

What can the ACT government do to make something happen?

The developer needs to be held to account to deliver on past promises

Polling in Giralang indicates a backlash toward the current government on this issue

