

6 May 2024

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City Services
Minister for Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy
Minister for Government Services and Regulatory Reform
Minister for Human Rights
ACT Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Cheyne

We are writing to you to seek an urgent meeting to discuss the status of our facilities redevelopment and renewal, Project Home.

As you are aware, the ACT Government committed to assist RSPCA ACT to build a new, fit-for-purpose animal welfare campus in this term of Government. Based on the commitment provided and what was reconfirmed on several occasions, we anticipated a project completion in 2024.

Notwithstanding the environmental constraints, which we believe to have been solved, we now have grave concerns on the overall progress of this project and wish to gain clarity on the ACT Government's current position.

Over the last years, we have been working closely with your Department on concept designs and site studies and we have taken on good faith that the ACT Government would keep and deliver on its election promise.

We are now seeking an update as we have some concern around the following:

- 1) We have not received any communication on any budget allocation towards Project Home in this upcoming Financial Year, or beyond.
- 2) We have received a cancellation notice for our Monthly Project Team meeting, with this meeting deferred pending a government decision. We seek clarity on what this means.
- 3) We have no clear timeline of when our new, fit for purpose Animal Welfare campus will be completed and without any investment it is very unlikely to occur in this current term of Government.

As you can imagine, this opens a range of questions and a significant amount of concern to us.

We would appreciate if you could meet with us as soon as possible to provide us with an update so that we in turn can provide an update to our community, stakeholders and supporters who ask us questions about this every week.

Yours sincerely



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