

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a long term Canberra resident, having lived in almost every suburban area of Canberra, including the Inner South. My husband and I having raised a large family, and now very happy to be grandparents to a much younger generation of Canberran's.

Times change. When we were young home owners we moved into a little cottage with a huge backyard, and that is what Griffith was like back then. I can't even recall whether we liked the house that much, because really we just got what we could afford, and there was not much choice. My children have lived in apartments and townhouses, my grandchildren will most likely chose an apartment or flat as their first choice, because backyard cricket isn't the only pursuit on weekends as it once was.

I am a proud Brumbies supporter and i can see that the opportunity to redevelop their facility will provide them with a far better suited building and training facilities. I don't mind at all that apartments or flats or townhouses may be built on the land, because times do change and there are also many other things to do apart from playing bowls, although I don't know whether the bowls club still operates. I never played lawn bowls. Tennis was my sport when I was younger and watching the Brumbies is my sport now.

I hope the Brumbies proposal goes ahead for the benefit of my favourite team who Canberra are very proud to have, and for the future benefit of the people who will have the opportunity to live as close to Manuka as I have had. Such a location is too good to be backward thinking about. The more people who can live here, the better for all the local businesses and schools.

Warmest regards

Arthur & Margaret Townsend