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Inquiry into Giralang

Shops

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The Chair
The Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity for provide a submission to the Committee on the long running saga that is the derelict site of the Giralang Shops.

I have been a resident of Giralang since 2006. My two children attend Giralang Primary School and we utilise the grounds of the school and the fields surrounding it to play on the weekend. It is a lovely suburb to live in, people are friendly and supportive.

Local shops help to build community connectedness and cohesion. They promote incidental interaction with your neighbours, we are missing out on that due to the ineffectual handling of this situation by both the developer and the government.

Instead of shops there has been a site of varying degrees of decay over the years. All paths in the suburb lead down to this hole in the ground, with overgrown weeds and rubbish strewn everywhere. This site is directly in front of the primary school and it is obvious that children have accessed this site and drawn graffiti. It is lucky that none of these children have been hurt.

I call on the Government to take action to resolve this situation if the developer is not willing to start and complete the development the Government should call in the lease and find a developer who will do so.

Regards,

Eve Wisowaty
