

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 March 2013 4:22 PM
To: GALLAGHER
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTING

Dear Chief Minister

National Heritage Listing for Australias capital city

The proposed National Heritage Listing for Australias capital city, Canberra, will be an historic step in the recognition of the capital citys outstanding democratic associations and the historical evolution of the citys planning values. The centenary year is the perfect time to take this step.

Unfortunately, the Commonwealth process appears to be faltering and we write to strongly urge that you personally and urgently intervene to ensure a successful outcome in 2013.

As you will be aware, the Australian Heritage Council has been undertaking an assessment of Canberra for the National Heritage List. The process began in 2009-10 and was scheduled to be completed in time for a decision to be made in early 2013.

The centenary date of 12 March would have been the ideal opportunity to announce a decision on the listing but this now looks almost impossible. A decision in 2013 is also looking unlikely given that a Federal election has been announced for September 2013.

The National Heritage Listing for Canberra would be a tangible and significant legacy of the centenary year. This is a moment in history which may not come

again for many years.

We ask you to intervene and encourage a speedy and positive decision.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Acting President.

Acting President

Kingston and Barton Residents Group Inc

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2015 9:35 AM
To: GENTLEMAN
Cc: 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'; Clarke, Liz; BARR; Apostoloski, Natasha; [REDACTED]
Subject: Servicemens' Club Site [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Minister Gentlemen

Members of the KBRG are still waiting for a response to our queries about the future use of the Servicemens' club site from our AGM last November (email chain attached).

At the time you assured members that no decision would be made without extensive consultation with the community.

The KBRG has been informed from a reliable source that hotels/developers in the local area have been approached about their interest in developing the site.

The KBRG was very disappointed to hear that this level of engagement is happening about the privatisation of this site.

We would like an opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns.

thanks
[REDACTED]

President - KBRG

[REDACTED]

From: Apostoloski, Natasha
Sent: Monday, 12 January 2015 10:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good morning [REDACTED]

Happy New Year!

I apologies for the delaying in responding.

I have followed this up with our Chief of Staff, I have been advised that there will be a response to the following questions listed below and we are hoping this will all be completed and replied to you by the end of next week, I can't give a specific date at this point but I can assure you it will defiantly be responded to.

I will touch base with you if the response will be any sooner.

Hope this information helps and apologies again for any inconvenience.

Kind regards,

Natasha Apostoloski | Office Manager
 Office of Mick Gentleman MLA | Member for Brindabella
 Minister for Planning,
 Minister for Community Services,
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 Minister for Children and Young People,
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 t: 620 50218 | e: natasha.apostoloski@act.gov.au |

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 12:25 PM
To: Apostoloski, Natasha; GENTLEMAN
Cc: [REDACTED] 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Natasha

We have received some queries asking if the Minister will be responding to the below questions before Christmas.

Are you able to provide an update please?

thanks
 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 13 November 2014 18:46

To: 'natasha.apostoloski@act.gov.au'; 'gentleman@parliament.act.gov.au'

Cc: 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Natasha

The KBRG would like to thank the Minister to taking the time to talk to Barton and Kingston residents. It was a well attended event with several questions.

I offered to provide the contact details of those who asked questions so the Minister could contact the residents with answers.

The Minister offered to follow up on several questions taken on the night.

Notes were taken by the department and the adviser so I will not go into the detail of the questions but can provide additional info if required.

1: Jerrabomberra wetlands - encroachment - [REDACTED] - I would try [REDACTED]. If no luck let me know and I will chase further.

2: Cycle path being closed adjacent to oval and no signage or dates - [REDACTED]

3: Mr Fluffy heritage houses and rebuild - [REDACTED]

4: Owners Corporation Network - multiple questions on apartment buildings - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

5: Manuka Oval Heritage vs. development, and future use of Servicemen's Club site (maintaining community use), development vs. fit with heritage suburb - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In addition we are interested in parking and accessibility to Manuka Pool during large games and the impact of development on the pool. I also provided Jason a copy of a response from Minister Barr about community notification which was very disappointing. In addition we did want to query the \$800k investment in temporary media stands that are quite unattractive - particularly near the pool.

6: Commercial cages in new Foreshore developments [REDACTED]

7: Noise with construction for Kingston supermarket [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (did not get to ask on the evening) but interested in height restrictions and solar access [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking these questions on notice. It we could be copied into the responses that would be appreciated.

We look forward to further engagement with the Minister and being consulted as a representative body on issues including the Statement of Intent.

thanks

President

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2014 12:05

To: 'natasha.apostoloski@act.gov.au'

Cc: 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'

Subject: FW: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Natasha

As discussed please see my email to Erin below.

One issue that may be raised is in relation to privacy issues vs. queries from members of the public about undeveloped blocks, and building approvals. A few residents, and the resident group itself, have made submissions on vacant blocks, or works with no signage (through the ACT Govt complaints forms), only to be told no information can be provided due to privacy.

The works at Manuka Oval may also be mentioned, rumour has it the media stand being built behind the pool is an \$800k temporary structure but there is no easily available information on this, or on any of the works as they progress.

The Servicemens' club site, Foreshore Arts Precinct and the supermarket in Kingston are also issues of concern.

I am happy to talk with the Minister or an adviser before the meeting if that is useful for preparation.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Secretary
KBRG

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 27 October 2014 17:16

To: 'Taylor, Erin'

Cc: [REDACTED] 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'

Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Erin

I am writing to confirm Mr Gentleman's attendance at the Kingston and Barton Residents' Group meeting.

I have attached our newsletter for your records.

Also could I request a bio of Mr Gentleman for the evening.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: Taylor, Erin [<mailto:Erin.R.Taylor@act.gov.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2014 10:51

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED] the evening of Tuesday 11 November is currently free.

Kind regards,

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Minister for Planning, Minister for Community Services, Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2014 10:41 AM
To: Taylor, Erin
Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
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Hello Erin

Thank you, that is excellent news.

The dates we are looking at are preferably a Tuesday or Wednesday evening between 4-18 November.

Are any of these dates unavailable at this stage? If not we will approach East Lake this week to see what night they can accommodate us.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Taylor, Erin [<mailto:Erin.R.Taylor@act.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2014 09:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

The Minister would be happy to attend the Kingston and Barton Residents' Group AGM.

If you could advise a date & time as soon as possible we would appreciate it so that we can lock it in the Ministers diary.

Thank you

Kind regards,

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Minister for Planning, Minister for Community Services, Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations,
Minister for Children and Young People, Minister for Ageing
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 11 August 2014 9:41 AM
To: Taylor, Erin; GENTLEMAN
Cc: 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Erin

Just touching base to see if you received this invitation?

As noted in the email below we are hoping to lock in a date for our AGM as soon as possible.

[REDACTED] from the Inner South Canberra Community Council has also spoken to Mr Gentleman to let him know the invitation is 'in the mail'.

thanks
 [REDACTED]

KBRG

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 31 July 2014 15:27
To: 'erin.r.taylor@act.gov.au'
Cc: 'kingstonandbarton@gmail.com'; [REDACTED]
Subject: invitation to Mr Gentleman to speak at Kinston and Barton Residents' Group AGM November 2014 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hello Erin

I am the Secretary for the Kingston and Barton Residents' Group (KBRG).

We are planning to host our AGM in November, preferably on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening between 4-18 November.

We would like to invite Mr Gentleman to speak prior to the AGM on local planning issues.

Some of the key issues within the Kingston and Barton area include the Kingston shopping precinct, the Kingston Foreshore, the proposed Arts precinct, Manuka Oval, general development and how this impacts community and our local heritage, and the issue of paid parking in the Parliamentary Triangle.

The KBRG would like to invite Mr Gentleman to share his views on some, or all of these key areas, and to participate in a short Q&A session. We envisage taking up no more than 30 minutes of his time (unless he would like longer) and we also extend the invitation for him to stay for the AGM.

As mentioned above we have some flexibility with timing at this stage. It would be appreciated if we could agree to a date (or a decline) as soon as convenient with your office to allow us time to plan for the event.

At this stage we are hoping to host the AGM at East Lake in Kingston.

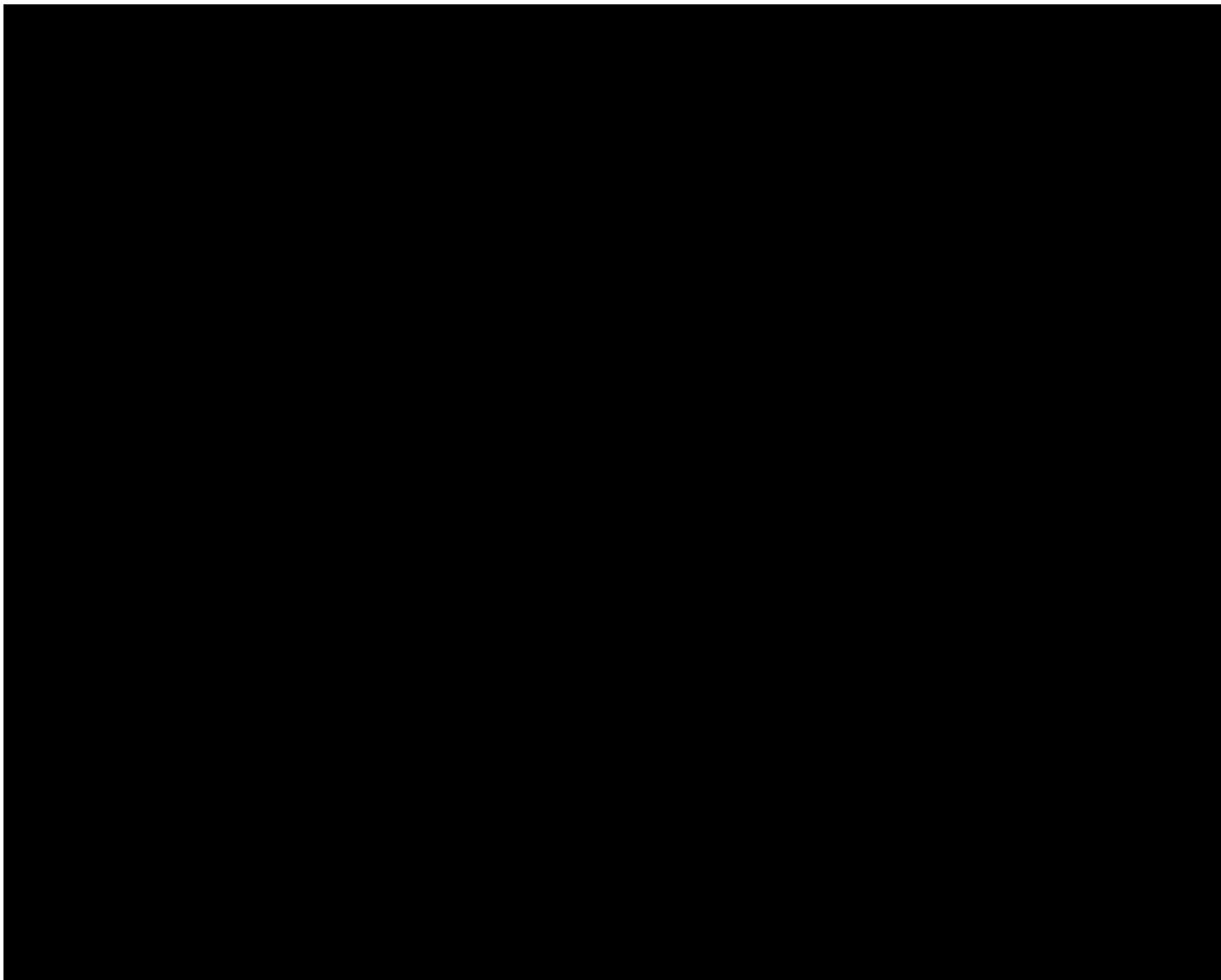
It is intended to also have an additional speaker at the AGM (to be confirmed, and we will notify the office as to whom) and to invite local media.

If you would like additional details please feel free to call or email me.

thank you

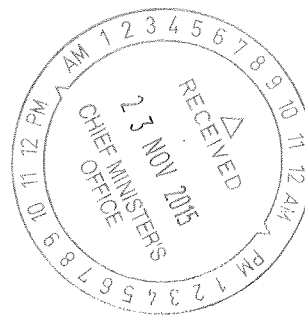
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INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mr Andrew Barr
Chief Minister
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601



Dear Mr Barr

We are writing to you about the Manuka Oval precinct on behalf of the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC), the Kingston and Barton Residents Group (KBRG), and the Griffith-Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA).

There has obviously been much public interest in and, in some cases, significant disquiet, about recent ACT Government decisions affecting this precinct, especially the so-called Manuka land swap involving MOCCA and the Telopea Park School..

We appreciate that the Government is dealing with a range of competing interests and sensitivities in managing future use of an area involving sporting and recreational assets, in which there has been significant public investment, but which also serves as a residential area with significant heritage values.

We value our regular meetings with Ms Liz Clarke, General Manager – Territory venues, and her staff, in relation to upcoming events at, Manuka Oval. But this appears to be the only opportunity for local residents' representative groups to interact with the Government about the precinct and, by definition, these discussions focus on big events at the Oval rather than proposals for the whole of the Manuka area.

The Government's current thinking about the management and further development of the precinct seems to be driven by a 'Manuka Oval Master Plan', which clearly involves more than the Oval itself. However, we are not aware that this has been published in a form that enables local residents and businesses, or it seems any other interested bodies, to understand what is planned for this important part of inner south Canberra.

The Land Development Agency (LDA) website states that 'the ACT Government will undertake a Territory Plan Variation to enable the master plan. The variation will occur this year and further consultation will be undertaken as a part of the process.'

While the objectives of the Master Plan are briefly stated, the Plan itself appears inaccessible. A web-link to the Plan in fact points to a preliminary consultation document that has not been updated since 2009.

We are aware from information obtained through recent Freedom of Information requests that there has been considerable discussion within government for several years in relation to options for the development of the Manuka Oval precinct. These have been discussed at meetings by both the KBRG and the GNCA, which referred its deep concerns to the most recent meeting of the ISCCC Committee, which unanimously decided to write to you on this matter expressing their concerns before taking any further action.

The community groups were very conscious that these significant proposals have not been the subject of any real consultation with local residents and businesses and there are increasing concerns that more initiatives will 'pop out' such as occurred in relation to the Manuka land swap which, despite early assurances, had not been properly discussed with local stakeholders.

We ask that the Government, firstly, make public its current plans for the development of Manuka and, secondly, establish a mechanism to enable the local community to contribute from an informed perspective on these proposals.

We strongly urge that this consultation occur immediately before the release of any Territory Plan Draft Variation. From our perspective, the release of a Draft Variation at this time would represent an astonishing breach of trust with the electorate, and risk a repeat of past failures in process which are still causing problems today.

As an initial step we would seek a meeting with you or your officials to discuss the current plans and the form that this consultation might take. Noting the 2015/16 Land Release issued by the ACT Government identifies several blocks within the Manuka Oval precinct, we ask that the meeting occur this before the end of this calendar year.

The consultations undertaken by the Community Services Directorate in relation to the omnibus inner south Territory Plan Draft variations could serve as a model, with appropriate modifications. Similarly, the Brickworks Community Panel recently established by the LDA could also be considered as a potentially useful precedent.

Should you or your officers wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on info@isccc.org.au or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Chair, ISCCC

[REDACTED]

President, KBRG

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President, GNCAV

19 November 2015

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 cc Ms Robby McGarvey
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Dear Chief Minister

MANUKA OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE CENTRE (MOCCA)

Thank you for taking the time to meet with The Kingston and Barton Residents' Group (KBRG), the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA) and the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) on 26 May.

During our conversation you mentioned that as the Canberra Services' Club has relocated to a temporary location in Barton and still owns its original site there is no requirement for MOCCA to relocate to an alternate site, and that any decision to move would consequently be one to be taken solely by the MOCCA Board.

We are writing to confirm this advice, as MOCCA is still of the understanding there is a requirement for them to relocate in 2020.

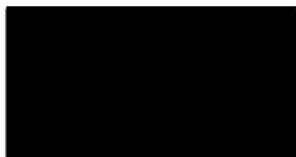
Noting that the ACT Government has funded a KPMG report to provide MOCCA with financial advice about possible future options, can the ACT Government provide assurances that if MOCCA:

- Chooses to remain on its current site,
 - there will be no short (2020) or medium term pressure to relocate;
 - existing Government financial support and arrangements for MOCCA will continue unchanged;
- Is required to relocate, it is not financially disadvantaged as a result of any such move; and

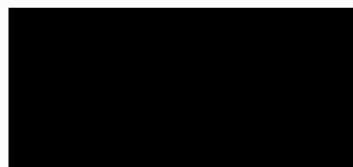
- Is relocated, there would be no change to the current Community Facility zoning of Blocks 2 and 5, Section 41 Griffith, so that these blocks would remain available for as yet unidentified uses to support the growing needs of the Inner South as the population increases.

We look forward to your views on these issues.

Yours sincerely



President
KBRG



President

GNCA

10 June 2016

From: KBRG [mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 July 2016 8:33 PM
To: BARR
Cc: FITZHARRIS; GENTLEMAN; RATTENBURY; Josh Ceramidas; Rachel Stephen-Smith; Richard Niven
Subject: Re: Scope of Master Plan for Manuka Oval Precinct

Hello all

Apologies. Letter now attached.

thanks
[REDACTED]

On Wed, Jul 6, 2016 at 8:23 PM, KBRG <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx> wrote:
Hello

Please see attached correspondence from the KBRG.

We look forward to your written response, and a response to our joint letter with the GNCA on MOCCA.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

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Kingston and Barton Residents' Group

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Kingston and Barton Residents' Group

Andrew Barr
 Chief Minister
 Member for Kurrajong
 GPO Box 1020
 Canberra ACT 2601

Kingston and Barton Residents Group

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 President
 PO Box 4138
 Kingston ACT 2604

Dear Mr Barr

Scope of Master Plan for Manuka Oval Precinct and adjoining areas

The President of the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC), ██████████ wrote to you recently about the 26 May meeting you had with him, and the presidents of the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association and the Kingston and Barton Residents' Group (KBRG). I am writing because there are some additional matters the KBRG would like to bring to your attention. We believe this is important as the most impacted representative group with over 6200 physical addresses in Kingston and Barton.

The first matter relates to heritage and green space. We are strongly of the view that the complete heritage setting of Manuka Oval, that is, the total heritage listed area within Manuka Circle, should not be available for consideration under any Unsolicited Proposal process and needs to remain in the public realm. The heritage also interlinks to several other key heritage sites within the immediate area that together forms a unique heritage jurisdiction in the Inner South (**attachment A**). In addition, most of the area is zoned for public recreation and should not be available to private developers as this is increasingly important community land that can be used to support recreational activity in conjunction with extensive urban intensification within the immediate area.

The second matter relates to the development of a Master Plan for Manuka and its environs. The core of this area should include all of the land within Manuka Circle together with the Manuka Group Centre, Stuart Flats, Telopea Park School (including the Montgomery Playing Fields), Telopea Park, the Fire Station Precinct, the Baptist Church, the Brassey Hotel and the Barton Housing Precinct. This core area should be subject to a detailed master plan.

The plan should also take into account impacts of any development proposals with the surrounding area. This will ensure a strategic approach to the area that, as a consequence of strong growth of residential and commercial development in recent years (as a direct result of government policy), has developed into a collection of commercial hubs and distinct residential areas each with a unique character. A similar model was used for the development of the Woden and Mawson master plans so that together they considered a range of strategic planning issues while individual plans accommodated each area's community interests, characteristics and challenges.

We believe the surrounding areas include the Kingston Group Centre, the Realm precinct, the Kingston Foreshore and the Kingston Arts Precinct and Kingston Housing Precinct. Of special concern are the impacts on retail trading, residential amenity, parking, traffic flows, heritage, public open space and pedestrian connectivity. It would also be sensible to consider the interoperability of the above areas with Griffith, Narrabundah and Red Hill centres noting the extensive urban infill happening in all of these areas.

At the meeting you indicated that a Master Plan is usually only developed when it is intended to increase the density of development in an area. However we support the definition of a Master Plan as per the EPD website that states a Master Plan is:

- *A document that sets out how a particular area can (as opposed to will) develop and redevelop into the future*
- *A high level plan intended to set out objectives and strategies to manage development and change over time*
- *A process that defines what is important about a place and how its character and quality can be conserved, improved and enhanced*

We believe a Master Plan, with input and consultation with the community, is important for the area noting the significant changes since the first Master Plan was drafted in 2002. Government policy, including support for urban intensification has significantly and permanently changed the Inner South, as such areas in the Manuka Oval precinct are increasingly important for our future amenity as growing suburbs.

Finally, we note that you have promised several times that no work will be done outside the Manuka Oval fence prior to the hosting of a Test Cricket match in 2018/19. However TAMS, apparently unaware of your promise, has lodged a Development Application (DA number 201629382) to create a new car park which impinges on the heritage listed site of the Former Griffith Mothercraft Centre and includes land outside the oval between the Manuka Arts Centre and the cricket practice nets. We ask that you ensure, as promised, this work does not go ahead.

We look forward to continuing constructive community engagement on this matter.

Yours sincerely



6 July 2016

Attachment A**List of nearby areas subject to Heritage Listings**

- Telopea Park
- Telopea Park School
- Manuka Swimming Pool (including the lawns)
- Former Griffith Child Welfare Centre and Old Jazz School
- Brassey Hotel
- Hotel Kurrajong
- Manuka Shopping Precinct
- Kingston Shopping Precinct
- St Christopher's Cathedral Precinct
- St Paul's Church
- Forrest Fire Station Precinct
- Parts of the Kingston Foreshore – including the Powerhouse and the Fitters Workshop

Garden city precincts

- Barton Housing Precinct
- Kingston/Griffith Housing Precinct
- Red Hill Housing Precinct
- Blandfordia 5 Housing Precinct
- Blandfordia 4 Housing Precinct
- Forrest Housing Precinct

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Copied to: Minister Gentleman, Minister for Planning and
Minister Berry, Minister for Sport and Recreation
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Dear Chief Minister

MANUKA OVAL AND MANUKA PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

The Kingston and Barton Residents' Group (KBRG) welcomes your announcement on Friday 5 August, to reject the unsolicited bid by Greater Western Sydney and Grocon and instead engage a community panel to establish a new master plan for the area, along with a competitive process for any future development. We appreciate that your office called the KBRG before making a formal announcement on Friday and I apologise that I missed this call.

Manuka Oval and nearby surrounds, including adjacent public land, Telopea Park, Manuka Pool, Telopea Park School and nearby heritage precincts form a unique part of Canberra landscape. This area contains important environmental, physical and social heritage that should be preserved and celebrated into the future.

The precinct links to the Kingston Foreshore and trading centres of the Foreshore, Realm, Kingston and Manuka, and the area has seen increasing development in recent years. Kingston is now one of Canberra's most densely populated suburbs and Kingston and Barton now have over 6,200 mail boxes within our area and this is on an upward trajectory.

We note that the composition of the Community Panel and the terms of reference have not yet been determined. As Kingston and Barton residents are directly impacted by any decision on Manuka Oval, along with other major developments (the Arts Precinct and the Kingston Supermarket) we welcome the opportunity to be part of the community panel, and involved with the scope of its terms of reference.

The KBRG has a strong history of working with the community, along with contributions on Government policy we actively host heritage walks, apply for restoration grants and work with the Kingston traders to ensure better outcomes for all who live and work within the area. We believe the connections we have across the area allows us to make a valuable contribution to the community panel.

You have made the suggestion that community consultation arrangements could be similar to those for the Yarralumla Brickworks development. We believe this is a practical starting point and that any lessons learnt should be taken up by the Manuka Oval community panel, including a review on any need for a confidentiality agreement by panel members. We believe the value of community engagement is assuring the community that this is a genuine open and transparent process.

The KBRG looks forward to working with all involved in achieving the best possible long term and sustainable solution for the Manuka Oval precinct.

Yours sincerely



President
8 August 2016