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Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2018 regarding petition No 4-18, lodged by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on behalf of Tuggeranong residents regarding a request for a shade sail at the playground at Lake Tuggeranong near the Learn to Ride Park, Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway.

Although there is no current plan to install a shade structure at this playground, there are a number of trees adjacent to the playground area, that provide shade over the playground. Two shaded picnic facilities are also available adjacent to the Learn to Ride facility and car park and an additional seat will be installed under the shade of the trees at the Learn to Ride facility by the end of April 2018.

In deciding which locations are the highest priority for shade structures, consideration is given to visitation rates and the length of visit to ensure the investment will benefit the greatest number of people in the local community. As a result, shade structures are usually installed over district park play spaces and some large centrally-located play spaces.

While it is not possible to provide shade structures at all 504 public playgrounds in the ACT, in hot weather families may choose to utilise one of the playgrounds where shade sails are installed. In the Lake Tuggeranong area, the playground at De Little Circuit off Mortimer Lewis Drive, Greenway has a shade structure and there is a large shaded playground located off Bartley Place on the opposite side of Lake Tuggeranong, adjacent to the skate park.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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