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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom,*

Thank you for your letter of 2 August 2016 about petition No. 5-16, lodged by Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA regarding the playground on the corner of Knaggs Crescent and Birrell Street in Page.

The ACT Government is committed to providing a range of outdoor activities for the Canberra community. The 2016-17 Budget is delivering a \$3 million investment to further improve the amenity of Canberra's parks and playgrounds.

I am pleased to advise that the playground in Page has been included in the package of renewal works to be delivered across Canberra's playgrounds in 2016-2017. I understand that play equipment was removed from the park some time ago due for operational reasons. Following a review of the play equipment in the park, a new item of play equipment has been selected in line with the Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure guidelines for local neighbourhood playgrounds.

The new climbing unit includes a range of play opportunities for young children with the provision of a wave slide, fire pole, timber bridge, monkey bar, chin-up bar, spider web climber and steering and abacaus panels for creative play. The new equipment is programmed for installation by end June 2017.

In regard to the option for a barbeque recreational area in the local neighbourhood park, barbeques are generally only provided in high use town, district and community parks. Based on the park hierarchy and provision of facilities for suburban parks, Page does not meet the high volume of use required for a barbeque facility. That said, local park users may bring their own portable barbeques into the park for their private use.

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Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meegan', written in a cursive style.

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1 September 2016