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Mr Tom Duncan
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Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory
London Circuit
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Dear Mr Duncan ^{Tom}

Thank you for your letter regarding Petition No. 8-15 about the state of the old Campbell service station site.

The petition requests the Assembly take immediate action to require the lessee make the service station site safe and secure; maintains site security and cleanliness and brings forward a Development Application for the site.

In response to the requests I can advise a project to erect a solid fence around the Campbell service station site commenced in early August 2015. A contractor has been engaged and has advised the fence will be completed in the immediate future. The purpose of the fence will be to obstruct the site from view, improving the visual amenity of the area and addressing security concerns until such time the site is redeveloped.

To enhance the visual appearance of the fence, and to give it a community feel, we will be inviting a local artist and school children from the surrounding area to paint it.

This is a privately owned block which is not under the direct control of the ACT Government. The ACT Government has no powers under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* to require the owner to develop the block. It is the responsibility of the landowner to bring forth a Development Application for any future development and we have been advised by the owners that they intend to sell the property by early 2016.

On this basis, and with the abovementioned project due for completion in September, the Government considers this matter finalised.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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