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MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

Mr Tom Duncan  
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Dear Mr Duncan <sup>Tom</sup>

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2015 regarding petition number 9-15 that I lodged and was received by the Assembly on 4 August 2015. As the Minister responsible for Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval, my response to this petition for tabling is at Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Mr Gentleman MLA

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**PETITION Number 9-15**

**To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory**

The following residents of the Australian Capital Territory draw to the attention of the Assembly the potential loss of Urban Open Space (PRZ1) in Lyneham through sub-leasing and development, in particular by the current proposal to sub-lease and develop Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the Assembly to prevent further loss of Lyneham's Urban Open Space by (1) not entering into further sub-leases of Urban Open Space to any business enterprise, (2) not allowing further development on Urban Open Space by any business enterprise, and (3) not rezoning any land currently zoned Urban Open Space for the benefit of any business enterprise.

**Response:**

In October 2014, Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), as custodian of the Executive Crown Lease over Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval (LNO), authorised lodgement of a Development Application (DA) by the Brindabella Christian College (BCC) for construction of a sports pavilion and associated parking. Authorisation was provided to enable the DA to be assessed on its merits, as the proposal was seen to have potential mutual benefit for a range of stakeholders (three adjoining schools, sporting groups and the wider community).

After a community forum on 20 November 2014, highlighted a range of concerns about the DA, including a lack of community consultation, the BCC withdrew its DA on 21 November 2014.

BCC then worked closely with Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), to revise its proposal to address community concerns and, as part of this work, SRS prepared a draft Lyneham Community Precinct Strategy (draft strategy). The Lyneham Community Association (LCA) was consulted throughout this process.

The revised proposal and draft strategy were presented at a second public forum on 17 June 2015, which I attended. Many who attended the June meeting had also attended the November 2014 forum and remained concerned about the proposal.

Noting ongoing concern voiced by some members of the community, I asked SRS to facilitate further consultation to provide the best opportunity for all Lyneham community members to be informed of the proposal and have a say. This included an ACT Government Survey that was open from 20 August to 11 September 2015.

On 15 September 2015, and after careful consideration of feedback from the Lyneham community, I confirmed that the ACT Government would not endorse the lodgement of a revised development application by the BCC to build a Sports Pavilion and associated facilities on LNO.