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Dear Mr Duncan

Tom

Thank you for your letter regarding petition 34-22, lodged by Mr Johnathan Davis MLA, regarding Tuggeranong Skatepark redevelopment.

The ACT Government continues to invest in new and upgraded facilities across the Canberra region through our program of suburban infrastructure upgrades. We have a strong track record of listening to the community as we deliver these upgrades, which include new and improved play spaces, sporting facilities, footpaths, seating, lighting and other important suburban infrastructure.

All requests for improvements to Canberra parks and play spaces are assessed and prioritised annually. Play spaces are considered for improvements taking account of factors such as demand, demographics, equity, sustainability, co-location and availability of funding. This process ensures that investments in public spaces are suitably targeted and meet the needs of all Canberrans.

In May 2022, the ACT Government released the ACT Play Space Strategy following community engagement and consultation. The Strategy provides a clear vision, supported by key principles, objectives and actions to guide the future planning, delivery and management of play spaces in the ACT.

You may be interested to know that the revitalisation of the Tuggeranong Town Centre is continuing with the next stage of improvements to be delivered along the Lake Tuggeranong foreshore precinct.

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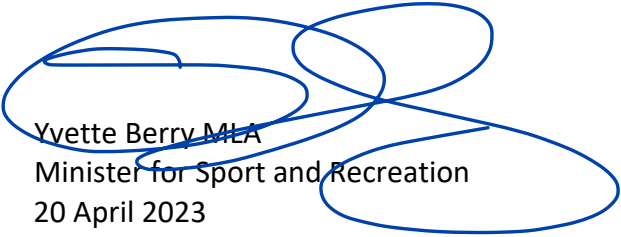
The ACT Government is investing \$5.648 million to design and construct improvements across the foreshore. This will create a more liveable, people focused and active public realm. As part of this revitalisation, the play space at the Tuggeranong Town Park, close by to the skatepark will be upgraded. During community consultation, respondents indicated that their priorities were to provide more opportunity for accessible play, replacing dilapidated play equipment, improving play value by adding additional equipment and by providing more places for people to sit and picnic around the playground.

In addition, the Government is investing in Tuggeranong by delivering play spaces upgrades in Gordon and Chisholm and has just released a listening report regarding plans for a new Dog Park at Lanyon.

At this stage, there are no plans to construct a new skatepark in Tuggeranong. The ACT Government is working to deliver our current program of improvements and upgrades to recreational spaces across the Territory.

The Government will consider opportunities for Tuggeranong Skatepark in future stages of our suburban infrastructure program. Consultation will be undertaken to ensure community needs and priorities are identified and incorporated.

Yours sincerely



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