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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter regarding petition 35-22, lodged by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA, regarding the installation of a playground at Amaroo Shops.

The ACT Government continues to invest in new and upgraded facilities across the Canberra region through our record 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.

It seeks to ensure an equitable, inclusive, diverse and engaging mix of play opportunities across Canberra, to ensure all residents have equitable access to a mix of district, central and local neighbourhood playgrounds.

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You may be interested to know that designs for a new Recreation Park in Casey are being finalised and will be released in early 2023. More details can be found at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/casey-community-recreation-park>.

The ACT Government is also building a new fenced dog park in Franklin to provide more spaces for dog owners in Gungahlin to exercise and socialise their dogs off-leash. More details about this project can be found at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/franklin-dog-park>

Each year the ACT Government invests in minor play space improvements as part of its safety program. These improvements include minor maintenance, the top up of soft fall and refurbishment of equipment. More information can be found at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/Infrastructure-Projects/programs/playspace-upgrades/completed-playspace-upgrades>

I am advised that there is a playground at Proserpine Circuit located at the opposite end of Alice Street, which is close by to the Amaroo Shops.

At this stage, the ACT Government is working to deliver our current program of improvements and upgrades to recreational spaces across the Territory, including the new Recreation Park in Casey, an upgrade at the Burramarra Avenue play space in Ngunnawal and improvements around Yerrabi Pond.

The Government will consider opportunities for new and upgraded play spaces in Amaroo in future stages of our suburban infrastructure program. Consultation will be undertaken to ensure community needs and priorities are identified and incorporated.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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