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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter regarding petition 39-22, lodged by Ms Elizabeth Kikkert MLA, regarding parking at Kippax Fair.

ACT Government car parks are being redeveloped at selected locations to meet the vision and objectives of the ACT Planning Strategy. The Government is seeking to promote development of Canberra as a compact and efficient city through increased density in town and group centres, along major transport routes and at other appropriate locations. This will also support Government and community objectives on transport and climate change.

The Section 53 car park was sold in June 2022 to provide for diverse residential and commercial spaces with sustainable features including no gas connections and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

This car park, which was predominately used by staff at Kippax, had peak use of 29 of 64 spaces when the last parking survey was undertaken in May 2022, showing peak utilisation of less than 50 per cent. Parking spaces that cater for employees or long-stay visitors are typically provided at the periphery of busy centres. Sometimes these long-stay parking spaces are shared with local facilities such as sports facilities, that often have different peak times to shopping areas.

At Kippax Group Centre, there are around 400 long-stay and free parking spaces within close walking distance, including on Moyes Crescent adjacent to the group centre. These car parks experience low utilisation during the week and after hours when the sportsgrounds are not being used.

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Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has relocated 16 Park and Ride spaces to Moyes Crescent from the car park on Section 89 opposite Kippax Fair. This has allowed those spaces to be converted to long-stay parking to cater for demand in the group centre car park. TCCS is also investigating lighting and path condition to ensure safe pedestrian access between the group centre and Moyes Crescent.

The Section 89 car park has 117 spaces. It now comprises 95 2-hour and 3-hour parking spaces, 16 unrestricted spaces and six accessible spaces. The peak use of this car park was 84 per cent. The predominant allocation of time restrictions within this car park is important to ensure parking spaces close to the shopping centre for customers and other short-stay visitors. Prioritising close parking for short-stay visitors is a common approach used to support the economic and social function of centres.

These parking changes took effect on Monday, 6 February 2023. The ACT Government is continuing to review parking arrangements at Kippax, including reviewing the layout and location of parking to identify possible opportunities to optimise the number of spaces.

TCCS has installed corflute signs at Kippax which highlight the new parking arrangements. A corflute sign with a map will be installed to show the location of the parking spaces on Moyes Crescent and the new long-stay spaces.

Regarding the reopening of the Section 53 car park pending its redevelopment, the ACT Government is unable to provide public liability insurance to cover privately leased areas. However, the ACT Government would be supportive of Kippax Fair entering into a private arrangement with the new owner to reopen the car park on a temporary basis pending construction works to redevelop the site.

The provision of more parking at the group centre will be considered as part of the future expansion of the shopping centre.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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