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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter concerning petition 043-24, lodged by former Liberal member, Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert, regarding Lyttleton Circuit and Teague Street neighbourhood playgrounds.

The ACT Government manages over 500 playgrounds located across the ACT to meet the objectives of the ACT Play Space Strategy which are to keep playgrounds safe and welcoming for better health, wellbeing and connectedness of the ACT community.

As each playground varies in age and condition, audits against Australian Standards for safety are regularly conducted with more than 26,000 safety inspections undertaken on Canberra playgrounds each year. Any general maintenance and repairs are completed during these visits while significant work is programmed to be undertaken as soon as practicable.

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The ACT's Play Space Strategy helps guide a strategic approach to investment across the entire play space network to ensure Canberrans have equitable access to a mix of district, central and local playgrounds. Feedback from the community through consultation on the Play Space Strategy has highlighted a greater desire for investment in higher quality, larger play spaces in central locations. For this reason, a key focus area includes prioritising district and central play spaces for refresh and major upgrades, whilst investment towards local play spaces will be for safety maintenance and minor refurbishments.

The playgrounds at Lyttleton Circuit and Teague Street are classified as local neighbourhood play spaces. The ACT Government recently completed significant upgrades to the playgrounds at Macquarie Shops and on Banambila Street in Aranda. These playgrounds now include a broader variety of larger equipment and are within walking distance of many homes in Cook.

Therefore, there are currently no immediate plans to upgrade the Lyttleton Circuit and Teague Street neighbourhood playgrounds. The ACT Government through Transport Canberra and City Services welcomes further engagement with the local Cook community about playgrounds and urban open spaces across the neighbourhood.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely



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