

GAMVA questionnaire

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| Aged services and facilities | Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, access corridors, accommodation and recreational facilities for Gungahlin's older community members, including health and palliative care facilities. | The ACT Government has identified sites for aged care facilities across Canberra and recognises that these facilities are also needed in Gungahlin. Land will be released through either a direct grant to an aged care provider or through a competitive basis | |

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| Child care facilities | Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of adequate childcare facilities in the Gungahlin/ Mitchell districts. | <p>The budget for building Gungahlin Children's Centre was \$2.3m. The centre is licensed for 89 early childhood places for children aged from 4 months. The centre is currently operating at capacity. The total number of licensed children's services places available in Gungahlin are:</p> <p>Centre based Children's services: 290 places Playschools: 35 places Independent Preschool: 30 places School Age Care: 406 places.</p> <p>A new centre based children's service is planned for Gold Creek. The premises beside the Dinosaur Museum has been leased by a private operator for this purpose and approval is currently being sought for the renovations. It is expected this centre will provide an additional 90 early childhood places.</p> <p>A block of land in Yerrabi has been sold to a private operator for the purpose of building an early childhood centre with up to 90 places. Initial discussions with the owner of the land have been held.</p> |
| Community Consultation | Plan and implement policies that will provide suitable support services, recreational open spaces and facilities to accommodate children's' and teenage recreational activities; including the expansion of facilities at Yerrabi Park and the provision of a suitable shade structure at the park's skate board area and the children's play area. | Yerrabi 2 pilot land development: This land development was a pilot project for the first public land development. The project was a huge success winning an award at the MBA 2004 Awards for "Excellent in Building Award – Civil Works Division Merit". This award was jointly won with WP Brown Pty Ltd and Canberra Contractors. |
| | Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of appropriate community facilities 1) In the Amaroo district 2) At the Gold Creek Homestead site; and 3) Completion of the Palmerston Community Hall replacement initiative | The Government is committed to genuine community consultation. More details appear in entries below |

Education

Provide funding to plan and develop a local facility for Year 11 and 12 students in the Gungahlin Government school system i.e. construct a college, or an alternative facility, to provide quality Year 11/ 12 education in the Gungahlin district. This facility should be completed by the start of the 2007 school year.

A government secondary college is generally built in a central, accessible, location in an ACT residential district to accommodate a total of 1,000 students.

A site for the proposed Gungahlin secondary college has been identified adjacent to Valley Way, on the edge of the town centre (adjacent to proposed indoor and outdoor recreation facilities). The site is readily identifiable, signposted by the (former) Gungahlin Development Authority.

Generally ACT secondary colleges enrol only Year 11 students in their first year of operation (as students do not tend to move colleges between Year 11 and Year 12). Lake Tuggeranong College, the most recent new college, opened in 1990, with 370 Year 11 students. Approximately 80% of the Year 11 government college students resident in the Lake Tuggeranong priority enrolment area were enrolled in the college in the first year.

Projected enrolments for ACT government secondary students in Gungahlin are subject to modification as the numbers are dependent on changing land release programs, changing occupancy rates, changing student generation rates and changes relating to the percentages of students enrolling in other than their local ACT government school.

The following table indicates the numbers of **government** college students, resident in Gungahlin during recent years:

Table 1: The number of **government** secondary college students, by year, resident in Gungahlin, 1999-2004

| Year | Year 11 students | Year 12 students | Total |
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| 1999 | 130 | 107 | 237 |
| 2000 | 126 | 138 | 264 |
| 2001 | 171 | 115 | 286 |
| 2002 | 180 | 165 | 345 |
| 2003 | 173 | 177 | 350 |
| 2004 | 183 | 158 | 341 |

Enrolments at government colleges are dependent upon a multitude of factors including identification with the local community, alternative college facilities (eg non government colleges) and capacity available at other government colleges. Even where a local government college exists, some students will choose to attend another government

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| Electoral boundaries | Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, in an effort to review and resolve the current electoral boundaries model, which splits the Gungahlin community into two electorates. | <p>This requires the Commission to endeavour to ensure, as far as practicable, that the number of electors in an electorate at the time of the next general election of members of the Legislative Assembly will not be greater than 105%, or less than 95%, of the expected quota for the electorate at that time. The electorate of Molonglo is currently at 103.64% and the other two electorates are approximately 97.5%. Moving the enrolled electors of Nicholls from Ginninderra to Molonglo may cause the limits to be exceeded in the two electorates.</p> <p>Although the Commission is required to take other factors (such as community of interest) into account, the principle of one vote, one value is, in the view of the Government more important.</p> <p>The Government is confident that the Electoral Commission conducts redistributions fairly in accordance with the legislative requirements and will ensure that it continues to do so.</p> |
| Employment | Develop and implement policies that will stimulate, expand and diversify sustainable employment opportunities in the Gungahlin Town Centre and Mitchell region, including the implementation of strategies to reverse the stagnation of the Mitchell commercial district. Offices and office jobs are required to provide stimulation to the Gungahlin Town Centre, with the relocation of Federal or Local Government Departments, to Gungahlin, seen as the most favoured outcome for providing stability and endorsement of Town Centre status. | <p>One of the goals of <i>The Canberra Spatial Plan</i> is to sustain employment opportunities. The Town Centres, including Gungahlin, are recognised as the primary commercial and service centres within each district of Canberra and the Spatial Plan encourages further growth in these areas. Some of the implementation actions of the Spatial Plan relevant to Gungahlin town centre include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Territory Plan and planning controls for Civic and other centres to achieve more flexible land use controls and to remove restrictions that slow development timelines. This will help ensure that these centres can compete successfully with areas outside the planning control of the ACT Government. • Introduce flexible land use controls to allow town centres to respond to market demand to support their roles as centres within each district including lifting the retail moratorium. |
| GTC square and common | Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and construction of an appropriate "Town Centre public space". Namely the Gungahlin Town Centre's "Square and Common" areas | The Government is committed to genuine community consultation, and will continue to seek the views of Gungahlin residents in the development of their area. |

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| Gungahlin Town Centre issues | 1) Take appropriate actions to prevent ground floor residential developments within the Gungahlin Town Centre retail core area i.e. the Big W and Coles development's ground floor residential proposals. 2) Provide an ACT shopfront facility in the Gungahlin Town Centre. | The development of the Gungahlin Town Centre continues with the highlights including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The sale of three major mixed sites in 2003 to Coles, Aldi and Woolworths. Provision of infrastructure for these sites has commenced. Construction of Valley Ave completed. At the town centre releases have been made that will greatly increase the shopping opportunities with the release of sites to Aldi, Coles and Woolworths. These developments will include the development of additional supermarket space, the development of a BIG W discount store and residential dwellings. The construction of McDonalds is almost complete with an opening next month. |
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| <p>Light Rail</p> | <p>Commit resources to establishing an ACT light rail network, with the construction of the link Civic to Gungahlin Town Centre as the first stage of construction (construction to be commenced by 2007)</p> | <p>Some of the key actions of the two plans to achieve sustainable transport in Belconnen include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated trunk public transport route to be progressively constructed between Gungahlin and City. This will, in the first instance, be used by buses and operate as Bus Rapid Transit, with the potential to convert to light rail in the longer term. It will include construction of busways, bus priority measures and stations on Flemington Road and Northbourne Avenue to encourage land use development along the route and bus use by new residents of Gungahlin. • On-street interchange and stops in Gungahlin Town Centre • Strategies to improve pedestrian and cycle access in the town centre and residential areas. <p>Over \$1 million was allocated through the 2004/05 Budget process for design and construct projects in Gungahlin as part of the implementation of stage 1 of <i>Sustainable Transport Plan</i>. The key components of the design projects are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus lane on Flemington Road – design and construct • Conceptual design of bus stations; • Feasibility Study of Transit Way on Northbourne Avenue; • Design of real time passenger information systems; and • Park and Ride, Bike and Ride and Kiss and Ride facilities development at the key nodes and stations. • Transit Oriented Development along Flemington Road. <p>In addition, the Government is proceeding with construction of the Gungahlin Drive Extension, which will provide a vital connection between Gungahlin and major employment and service centres in Belconnen, Civic and Central Canberra as well as Woden.</p> |
| <p>Medical Services and facilities</p> | <p>Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation, planning and provision of a local area medical centre. This centre should have the capacity to provide a range of medical services (24 X 7) including selected services identified as appropriate for relieving pressure on the Emergency facilities at Calgary and Canberra Hospitals.</p> | <p>The ACT Labor Government recently announced that in partnership with the Canberra After Hours Locum Medical services (CALMS), that it will establish an after-hours GP clinic at the Calvary Hospital Campus which will achieve the dual aim of relieving the pressure off the emergency department at the hospital and also allow residents of Gungahlin to access after-hours GP care.</p> |

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| <p>Planning and Development</p> | <p>Implement planning policies that provide quality development and construction outcomes. This needs to include structured consideration of issues associated with the increase of population density in newly developed areas of Gungahlin. Note: Issues like</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the external appearance of homes and town houses; 2) road widths, parking and laneways; 3) provision and maintenance of open space, trees and street scapes; 4) yard sizes and children's and teenage recreational areas; 5) provision of access paths for the increasing use of motorised scooters etc (by older people and the disabled); 6) telecommunication infrastructure and the provision of "grey water" services, at development stages; 7) environmental issues and the appropriate retention of existing trees, including the need to balance these issues with quality development, long-term safety and residential amenity; 8) the provision of affordable housing and public housing initiatives. 9) Develop and implement policies associated with the installation and ownership of services infrastructure i.e. telecommunications and power, 10) Implement policies to revitalise and focus the Mitchell commercial district, including the provision of incentives for retail development | <p>The North Gungahlin Structure Plan includes a clear structure of planning principles that should lead to the creation of accessible, vibrant community spaces and living environments. The Plan balances the need for future residential areas whilst responding positively to environmental concerns and preservation of woodland communities. It uses best practice for urban design, open space planning and community consultation</p> <p>Planning for North Gungahlin takes a holistic approach. It responds in innovative ways to a high level of environmental, heritage and cultural issues, including Indigenous cultural issues. It reflects community expectations and planning practise appropriate to today and the foreseeable future.</p> <p>It represents leading edge planning practise for a range of reasons, including its base on principles of sustainability – ecological, social, cultural and economic. Planning emphasis is also on creating strong sense of community, with each suburb having a centre, a local centre, an area of mixed uses, medium density residential developments. Draft variation to the Territory Plan advertised 24.7.04 formalises the planning framework for future suburbs in East Gungahlin. This area of Gungahlin contains the suburbs of Kenny and Throsby. When developed, it was expected Kenny and Throsby would contain about 4500 new dwellings accommodating approximately 13,500 people.</p> <p>Other key elements of the draft Variation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A proposed stormwater management pond on Sullivans Creek for the future suburb of Kenny A landscaped open space corridor including a pedestrian pathway/cycleway along Sullivans Creek from the lower part of Kenny into Throsby Protection of the Wells Station Heritage Precinct and homestead through realignment of Wells Station Drive A Commercial Group Centre will be located in Kenny from south of Horse Park Drive and residents of Throsby will have convenient access to a local centre. <p>Reflects the boundary of the recently gazetted Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve - a key part of the Government's commitment to add an additional 1000 hectares to the ACT's Nature Reserve System. The Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve, of approximately 750 hectares, protects significant areas of Yellow Box-Red Gum Grassy Woodlands and threatened birds. When the Variation is finalised, it will give full statutory effect to the new reserve.</p> <p>takes account of the area's future education needs and identifies sites for a government primary schools in Kenny and one in Throsby. creates opportunities for medium density urban housing adjacent to the</p> |
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| Police Services | Provide suitable resources to implement quality community consultation and provision of full-time services at the Gungahlin police station. Police services must include provisions for suitable transport and back-up manning strategies | ACT Labor is adding 40 more police to the force in the ACT, bringing numbers to the highest levels ever. Gungahlin is well-protected over 24 hours with mobile patrols the best resource over evening hours. Their use allows the maximum response available as officers confined to desks are less effective. |
| Road and transport infrastructure | Develop policies that will minimize (or eliminate) waste associated with the construction of infrastructure within the Gungahlin region e.g. install conduits for traffic lights at appropriate intersections at the initial construction stage; improve road design techniques to eliminate the butchering of single lane roads and intersections when road duplication/ upgrade is required | See below |
| Roads | Roads and transport corridors: 1) Provide a suitable solution to the Barton Hwy/ Gundaroo Rd/ William Slim Dr roundabout; 2) Duplicate Gundaroo Road; 3) Duplicate William Slim Drive; 4) Construct the Gungahlin Drive Extension to a dual carriage way at the initial stages of construction; 5) Extend Phillip Ave to Ainslie Ave as an express public transport corridor; 6) Extend Horsepark/ Clarrie Hermes Drive to the Barton Hwy. 7) Leave Monash Drive corridor on the Territory Plan, as a transport corridor. | Roads ACT prioritise road improvement needs on a comprehensive "traffic warrant" system which allows an effective assessment based on traffic volume and speed, accident history and adjacent land use. When road works are undertaken every effort is made to reduce inconvenience to traffic. |
| Sporting Facilities | Provide funding for quality community consultation, design and construction of a suitable sporting complex in the Gungahlin Town Centre. This complex should incorporate facilities for basketball, tennis and bowling activities along with a gym and a swimming complex, comparable to the Belconnen Swimming facility (CISAC). | There is a variety of community, education and commercial facilities available to the general public, for organised and casual sport and recreation users in Gungahlin |
| Telecommunications infrastructure | Provide suitable resources to implement provision of quality telecommunication services for all Gungahlin and Mitchell residential and commercial telecommunication users, including high speed internet capacity. | In 2003 the Land Development Agency employed the services of a consultant to survey, assess and report on the projected needs of the Gungahlin community for recreation facilities, to be located in the Gungahlin Town Centre. Market projections were also provided, including the impact of the broader catchment area in terms of both demand and competition. |

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| Other | Implement initiatives to get the Gungahlin district included in the "Yellow Pages" Canberra Street Directory maps (This action is required because of the constantly changing suburb development, in the Gungahlin district) | A 10,000 square metre site in the town centre is to be developed for indoor recreation. Core facilities are to include an indoor pool, court space, commercial gymnasium and fitness space. The Land Development Authority are releasing an expression of interest to develop the site late 2004. |
| Gungahlin and Mitchell community involvement | What involvement have you had with the Gungahlin and Mitchell community during the period November 2001 to August 2004? This includes meetings of the Gungahlin Community Council, GAMBVA, Gungahlin Regional Services, Mitchell traders groups and/or any other Gungahlin/Mitchell community or commercial organisation | ACT Labor MLAs have met with GAMVA during this period, Ted Quinlan was present at GAMVA's most recent meeting. ACT Labor has every intention of continuing to attend meetings to listen to the concerns of the Gungahlin/Mitchell community. |
| Regular meetings with Gungahlin representatives | If you are elected to the Legislative Assembly, would you be agreeable to participating in regular meetings with Gungahlin representatives. Our proposal would be to arrange for bi-annual meetings with GCC, GAMVA, Mitchell Traders or other Gungahlin/Mitchell based organisations. Meetings should be structured and provide a minimum of 30 minutes contact time. | ACT Labor is happy to participate in this program. |
| Residential and/or workplace links | Do you, or have you ever lived or worked in the Gungahlin district? Please provide details of your links with the Gungahlin/ Mitchell district. This information should include reference to your current residential suburb. | Many of the ACT Labor candidates have either previous or currently live in the Gungahlin/Mitchell district or have family who do. All ACT Labor candidates are committed to representing the people of Gungahlin. |

