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CC: John Dietz, Chief Executive Officer, Suburban Land Agency, John.Dietz@act.gov.au

Petition Calling for the Suspension of the Sale of Land within the Gungahlin Town Centre

Dear Minister Berry (Yvette)

The Gungahlin Community Council (GCC) is calling for the sale of further land within the Gungahlin Town Centre to be suspended until:

- all the recommendations of the [Gungahlin Town Centre Planning Refresh Community Engagement Report](#) are addressed,
- Draft Variation 364 has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Planning, and
- the ACT assembly motion on the Gungahlin Town Centre has been actioned.

We have written to both the Minister for Planning and Suburban Land Agency CEO John Dietz as [detailed on the GCC web page](#) (<https://gcc.asn.au/call-to-suspend-the-sale-of-land-within-the-gungahlin-town-centre/>).

On 23 March 2021, the GCC [invited the Minister for Planning to attend our 14 April public meeting](#) to address a number of planning concerns. The Minister was unable to attend and was represented by senior staff from EPSDD including the Chief Planner, Ben Ponton, Leslie Cameron and Bruce Fitzgerald. Unfortunately, the meeting did not provide the answers we were seeking, and in fact raised more concerns about whether the current planning system will deliver a viable town centre for Gungahlin.

An ACT assembly petition sponsored by Yerrabi MLA Andrew Braddock in support of this call was posted on 4 May 2021 and has been signed by over 200 residents in the past 48 hours. A copy of the petition is attached.

We are therefore asking you to suspend the proposed auction by the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) of four mixed use sites scheduled for 12 May 2021, and the sale/auction of any other sites in the town centre, until the issues noted above are resolved.

The GCC executive met with SLA CEO John Dietz and senior executives from the SLA on the evening of 5 May 2021, where the GCC had the opportunity to share, on behalf of Gungahlin residents, our frustrations

regarding the development of the Gungahlin Town Centre. Importantly, John indicated that our concerns had been heard. He and his team provided useful background and insights regarding the development of the town centre, and the role the SLA might play in improving the processes that are within their control that impact town centre development.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to discuss how you, and the Minister for Planning, might best address our concerns,

Yours Sincerely

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