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## Expanding Employment within the Gungahlin Town Centre

Dear Chief Minister (Andrew)

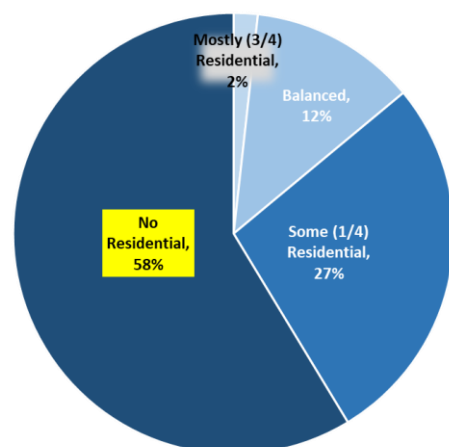
Recent media reports ([ACT will seek new city infrastructure deal with Commonwealth](#), Canberra Times, 6 June 2021) indicate the ACT government is actively pursuing a city deal with the Federal government and in particular that "the territory would also push for more Commonwealth employment in the Gungahlin town centre."

The Gungahlin Community Council (GCC) welcomes and strongly supports this initiative and encourages the ACT government to explore options beyond simply a "push" to expand the employment base in the Gungahlin Town Centre. The GCC believes explicit and concrete incentives need to be extended to Federal agencies to establish themselves in the town centre such as "peppercorn land rental" (eg. as provided to the University of NSW for the former CIT Reid site), and/or innovative approaches to new workspaces, such as the Smart Work Hub proposed in the lead up to the 2016 Election (see attached).

Gungahlin residents expect employment opportunities within the Gungahlin Town Centre to be expanded, and are strongly opposed to excessive residential development, as reflected in the GCC's 2019 Survey. In response to the question, "How much of the remaining Open Space in the Town Centre should be Residential?" over 85% of responses supported  $\frac{3}{4}$  or more of the remaining space be committed to commercial or retail.

We look forward to assisting the ACT government in their efforts to secure a city deal for Canberra and in improving employment opportunities in the Gungahlin Town Centre,

Regards



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