



Dear Community of Nicholls Residents Group

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your key election issues. I am for need based policies and not for greed and would not support any development that is against the wishes and interest of our community.

The ACT Greens election commitments is to increase tree canopy coverage to around 30 percent across all suburbs in Canberra. Currently Gungahlin region has only around 6 percent tree canopy coverage compared to around 25 percent in the established areas and this results in higher temperature in the Gungahlin region during summer.

The proposed rejoining of the golf course will further reduce the current tree canopy coverage that will result in loss of green spaces, amenities and natural habitats. Nevertheless, I will work with and listen to our local communities so that we can work together and prioritise our open spaces.

In addition, I would not support the proposal in its current form. I would consider community views and a revised proposal, that addresses these concerns, on its merits if I am fortunate to be your local member at the Assembly at the time. Regardless, I will work hard to protect open space and recreational opportunities for the community, as well as environmental values on the golf course and in nearby bushland and waterways.

Further details are outlined in the attached ACT Greens formal response.

Sincerely

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Candidate for Yerrabi