

# COMMUNITY OF NICHOLLS RESIDENTS GROUP

Dear Community of Nicholls Residents Group

Thank you for the opportunity for the ACT Greens to respond to your key election issues.

As requested, below is our response to the two questions you posed.

## **1. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW AND/OR YOUR PARTY'S POLICY REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING PRISTINE GREEN SPACES IN CANBERRA FROM DEVELOPMENT BY DEVELOPERS?**

The ACT Greens believe that pristine green spaces should be protected for their environmental values and for recreation. We have recently announced our [Repairing the Land Package](#), which aims to make the ACT Australia's first Urban Biodiversity Sanctuary.

Golf courses, whilst not pristine, can have both positive and/or negative environmental impacts. Positive impacts can include permeable surfaces, trees and vegetation. Negative impacts may include excessive use of herbicides, pesticides and irrigation water extracted from the local environment. Courses also provide community benefits in the form of open space and recreation opportunities.

## **2. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IF AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE CURRENT PURPOSE CLAUSE IN THE GOLD CREEK COUNTRY CLUB LEASE AND/OR TO AMEND THE ZONING OF THE BLOCK & SECTIONS ENCOMPASSING THE GOLD CREEK GOLF COURSE AND ITS SURROUNDING GREEN SPACE WERE TO COME BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WOULD YOU AND YOUR PARTY OPPOSE THEM?**

After listening to the community's concerns about the proposal put forward by the Gold Creek Country Club, the ACT Greens would not support it in its current form. Should a future proposal come forward that addresses these concerns, the Greens would consider community views at the time and consider it on its merits.

Regardless, the Greens would 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.

Please note that we have developed detailed policy positions on planning issues and many others [which can be found here](#), and our election commitments [can be found here](#).

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