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**Draft Plan Amendment to the Territory
Plan 12**

Brindabella Christian College car park

Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document, prepared under section 67 (3) of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Act), details the outcomes of entity and public consultation the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) has undertaken for Draft Plan Amendment 12 (DPA-12).

This document should be read in conjunction with the DPA-12 document that has been given to the Minister which is available on the [Planning website](#).

Key parts of this document are:

- section 2 – outlines comments received from government entities
- section 3 – outlines comments received from the public

1.2 Outline of process

DPA-12 has been given to the Minister for consideration and referral to the relevant Legislative Assembly Standing Committee. More information about the next steps for this DPA are provided in the DPA document that is available on the [Planning website](#). General information about the major plan amendment process is also available on the Planning website [here](#).

2.0 CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

In accordance with section 62 of the Planning Act the Authority has consulted with each of the following entities in relation to this DPA:

- the National Capital Authority
- the Conservator of Flora and Fauna
- the Environment Protection Authority
- the Heritage Council
- each referral entity
- if unleased or leased public land, each custodian of the land likely to be affected.

A copy of the comments received from the above-mentioned entities are provided in Appendix 2 of this document.

Below is a summary of each of the entity's comments.

Entity	Entity comments	TPA response
National Capital Authority	The site is zoned within the Urban Areas of the National Capital Plan (the Plan). The proposed amendment is not inconsistent with the Plan and the NCA has no concerns.	Noted
ACT Heritage Council	Following review of the ACT Heritage Register (Register), it is identified that the subject block does not contain any nominated, registered or recorded heritage places or objects. The subject block is, however, located in the vicinity of 'St Ninian's Church', which is a heritage registered place on the Register and subject to <i>Heritage Act 2004</i> provisions. Informed by this review, and as a delegate of the Council, I advise the proposed development is unlikely to diminish the heritage significance of a place, and there are no <i>Heritage Act 2004</i> considerations to the proposal.	Noted
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	EPA confirms it raises no objections to the amendment at this stage.	Noted
Conservator of Flora and Fauna	The site is primarily asphalt and contains very limited ecological values. No comments from the Conservator at this stage.	Noted
Land custodian – CED – Roads ACT	Roads ACT has no comments on the proposal.	Noted

3.0 CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC

3.1 Consultation

In accordance with 63 of the Act, draft major plan amendments are required to be made available on the [ACT planning website](#) for public comment for a minimum period of 30 working days.

The public consultation period for DPA-12 commenced on 27 February 2026 and concluded on 17 April 2026.

In addition to publishing the material on the ACT planning website, the following was also undertaken to inform the public about consultation:

- letters sent to surrounding lessees
- notification placed on the DA Finder mobile app
- email sent to subscribed stakeholders, which includes local community groups and associations.

3.2 Comments

A total of 437 written comments were received during the consultation period. Two comments were from community groups being the Lyneham Community Association and the Inner North Canberra Community Council, and 350 comments (including the one from the Lyneham Community Association) were in the form of a 'form letter'. The remainder were in the form of individual submissions.

Copies of public comments were made available on the [Planning website](#) after the completion of public consultation and have been provided at Appendix 3 of this document.

3.3 Summary of comments

Below is a summary of the issues raised in written comments during public consultation that are relevant to the planning system. Full comments are available at Appendix 3 of this report.

3.3.1 Support for the amendment

Reasons that were provided in comments supporting the proposal are provided below.

3.3.1.1 Reduced traffic, parking and congestion

- Reduces on-street parking on Brigalow Street and surrounding residential streets.

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- Improves traffic flow during peak school drop-off and pick-up periods.
- Several comments referenced past periods when the car park was unavailable, which lead to illegal parking, increased congestion and delays and spill-over parking affecting nearby shops and schools.
- Some comments also acknowledged that while the car park addresses immediate congestion, future parking demand should be considered via a development application (DA), based on up-to-date enrolment numbers.

3.3.1.2 Safety benefits

- Safety benefits for young children; for pedestrians and cyclists affected by poor sightlines and roadside parking, and for local residents navigating congested streets.
- Safer drop-off and pick-up away from moving traffic and better staff supervision of student movements
- Comments also highlighted that safety benefits should be formally assessed and reinforced through traffic studies at DA stage.

3.3.1.3 Community amenity and neighbourhood benefits

- Improvements to local amenity, with reduced conflict between residents and school users.
- Weekend public access to the car park available to support local recreation and access to walking paths, sports areas, and nearby shops.

3.3.1.4 Open space and recreational land use

- The actual land take is minimal relative to the total size of the Lyneham oval and that there is sufficient open space available between the primary and high schools.
- The affected area was historically under-utilised and there is no evidence of regular organised sport being displaced; the remaining open space continues to function as informal recreation land.

Response

Support for the proposal and the reasons for support are noted.

3.3.2 Summary of form letter comments

350 comments were received in the form of a form letter, opposing the proposal. A summary of the reasons set out in the form letter for opposing the DPA and the Territory Planning Authority's responses to the comments are provided below:

3.3.2.1 Legality and planning compliance issues

- The car park was constructed without development approval (in 2016), making it illegal under ACT planning law.
- It breaches the conditions of the sub-lease granted to BCC in 2009.
- It contravenes the Territory Plan zoning (PRZ1 - Urban Open Space).
- All parties, including BCC, agreed during the ACAT proceedings in 2023 that the car park was illegally built.
- Changing the zoning after illegal development undermines the integrity of the planning system and rewards non-compliance.
- Considered to reward criminal behaviour, noting construction without approval is a criminal offence.
- Concerns that this approach undermines public trust in planning law enforcement

Response

The Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) acknowledges that the car park was constructed without development approval and was therefore unlawful at the time of construction.

The purpose of DPA-12 is not to endorse or condone past non-compliance, but to determine whether the *current and future use of the land* is appropriate within the contemporary planning framework.

The planning system enables a process for an assessment of whether a land use or development outcome is appropriate on planning merits.

Consideration of a plan amendment does not remove or negate the historic unlawfulness of the works, nor does it preclude regulatory action under other statutory mechanisms where appropriate.

ACAT findings regarding illegality are noted. This DPA is forward-looking and focuses on whether the Territory Plan should be amended to reflect an appropriate long-term land use outcome.

The Authority does not accept that DPA-12 establishes a precedent that illegal development can routinely be legitimised. Requests for major plan amendments are assessed on a case-by-case basis, having regard to various

factors such as site-specific constraints, strategic planning considerations and public interest outcomes.

The planning framework contains safeguards, including public consultation, independent review, and final approval by the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development.

Importantly, DPA-12 does not remove the offence associated with unapproved works, nor does it enable future non-compliance.

3.3.2.2 Misuse of major plan amendment process

- DPA-12 is an attempt to retrospectively legitimise an illegal development, rather than assess it on its merits.
- The amendment addresses only the zoning issue, while leaving other serious issues unresolved (safety, traffic, sub-lease breaches).
- Section 215 of the *Planning Act 2023* is cited to argue that unapproved development must be assessed as if it was not undertaken, meaning the land should be considered public open space, not an existing car park. Should be subject to same principle as a DA.
- Adopting DPA-12 would set a dangerous precedent whereby illegal or informal use of public land can later be legitimised through rezoning.

Response

DPA-12 is being considered under the *Planning Act 2023* as a policy amendment, not as a substitute for a DA.

The amendment considers whether the planning framework can support a use that has emerged and continues to generate community impacts.

Should the DPA commence, any future DA for the car park will need to be assessed on its merits and will need to demonstrate compliance with the Territory Plan and relevant guides and design standards.

Consideration of DPA-12 does not prejudice or pre-empt the outcome of any future DA and does not confer approval for physical works.

The asserted connection between a major plan amendment and DA processes is not supported by the statutory framework. They are separate and distinct purposes with their own legislative assessments and decision-making criteria.

3.3.2.3 Lack of demonstrated need for the car park

- The amendment does not establish a genuine need for a car park on public open space land other than that the car park has been there, first informally and then sealed without approval since 2006.
- Evidence from the ACAT review indicates that the car park was built solely for BCC's internal needs after the school built over its own parking and was never intended for ancillary parking for the adjacent oval.
- Claims that removal would displace vehicles onto surrounding streets and increase congestion and risk to children are untested and need to be justified with evidence.
- Alternatives (transporting of children to and from school, staff parking) must be examined.

Response

The Authority notes comments questioning whether a genuine need for the car park has been demonstrated.

While earlier decisions associated with the car park were driven by BCC's perceived operational needs, more recent anecdotal evidence points to broader impacts, including:

- traffic congestion on surrounding streets in the absence of off-street facilities,
- safety issues associated with informal or illegal parking, and
- spill-over effects on nearby schools, shops, and residents.

This is supported by recent reports that re-emphasise the car as the dominant form of travel to and from schools. Specifically, a recent [national survey](#) (2025) reported that 61% of all trips to and from school are by car and more locally, the [10-year evaluation of the ACT School Active Travel Program](#) (2012-2022) highlighted that 78% of students travel at least once per week in a car. For this proposal, the supporting report outlined that the car park accommodates approximately 130 vehicles during peak morning and afternoon school periods.

With this, the immediate use of cars and the demand this will continue to place on car parks close the schools will remain. The Authority considers that the closure of the car park would displace the demand of the car park and this would ultimately need to be accommodated in the surrounding street network.

Entity advice provided by CED's Development Planning (Transport) area was sought during the consultation process on this DPA. They highlighted they had no concerns about the proposal or claims in the supporting report.

3.3.2.4 Traffic, safety, and design flaws

- The presence of the car park is dangerous disrupts access to safe streets for cyclists, pedestrians and children.
- ACAT found the car park was not designed to relevant standards; created pedestrian safety risks and contributed to local traffic congestion.
- The amendment incorrectly claims consistency with the Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools. The guide recommends short-term drop-off areas away from pedestrian entrances and long-term parking only on school grounds. The existing car park does not align with these principles.

Response

The Authority acknowledges previous findings regarding deficiencies in the existing design and compliance with standards.

DPA-12 does not approve the existing layout, design, or operation of the car park. The DPA considers the appropriateness of the land use in the specified location.

Any future DA will be required to:

- demonstrate compliance with current traffic, access, and safety standards,
- address pedestrian and cyclist safety,
- respond to relevant guidance such as *Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools*,
- rectify or re-design elements found to be non-compliant.

In this context, DPA-12 establishes a planning pathway that enables deficiencies to be formally addressed and rectified.

3.3.2.5 Government failure and accountability

- The situation is attributed to government failure, including failure to enforce sub-lease conditions, failure to prevent or stop illegal construction and failure to enforce student enrolment caps imposed in 2016.
- The government only acted after a community organisation pursued action through ACAT, instead of intervening earlier.
- The amendment is an attempt to “paper over” past failures rather than correct them.

Response

The Authority notes these concerns; however, enforcement of sub-lease conditions, compliance with building approvals, and monitoring of operating conditions such as enrolment caps are not matters determined through, nor resolved by the DPA process. These matters are considered through other compliance and regulatory processes.

The purpose of DPA-12 is to amend the Territory Plan framework to address identified strategic planning outcomes and provide clarity and certainty for the future of the particular land use. The DPA does not seek to retrospectively validate any non-compliance, nor does it alter the operation of enforcement powers available to the Territory.

Accordingly, while past compliance concerns are acknowledged, they do not directly inform the assessment of whether the proposed amendment is appropriate, justified, or consistent with the objectives of the *Planning Act 2023* and the Territory Plan.

The timing or catalyst for broader government action is not a statutory consideration in determining a DPA. Rather, a DPA is assessed on its planning merits, strategic justification, and consistency with planning objectives, rather than on the sequence of events that may have drawn attention to an issue.

A DPA cannot retrospectively alter past decisions or replace compliance, enforcement, or lease administration processes. The intent of DPA-12 is therefore to update the planning framework going forward, reduce uncertainty, and provide the statutory parameters via the Territory Plan to better manage future development outcomes on the site.

In other words, proceeding with DPA-12 does not limit ongoing or future enforcement action, does not approve development, and does not diminish accountability. Rather, it establishes a lawful planning policy outcome within which unresolved issues can be properly assessed and regulated.

On this basis, the DPA is considered an appropriate planning response to an identified issue, rather than an attempt to ignore or excuse historical matters.

3.3.2.6 Protection of urban open space and community interests

- Urban open space is for community use, not institutional car parking.
- Rezoning to legitimise a school car park is described as corrupting the meaning and purpose of urban open space.
- The government should prioritise local communities and public land protection.

Response

The Authority recognises the importance of urban open space to the community and agrees that such land must be protected for public benefit.

The assessment of DPA-12 considered the scale of land affected, the ongoing availability of surrounding publicly accessible open space (including the remainder of the Lyneham oval and the Sullivans Creek open space corridor), and the demonstrated patterns of use of the site. Notably, the area of the car park makes up less than 10% of the land available for urban open space across Blocks 30 and 23 Section 41 Lyneham)

In addition and notwithstanding this, any future DA for the carpark, should the DPA be approved would need to demonstrate that there would be no significant impact on the functioning of the land for urban open space purposes and that continued unimpeded public access would be provided to the open space.

3.3.3 Legality, non-compliance, and rule of law

The following comments are from the remaining individual and community organisation submissions and the Authority's responses to the comments:

- Concerns were expressed that the car park was constructed and operated unlawfully (no development approval, breach of sub-lease conditions, contravention of PRZ1 zoning).
- ACAT findings confirmed illegality and required the car park to be closed and the land remediated to its previous condition as urban open space.

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- Progressing DPA-12 represents retrospective legitimisation of unlawful conduct and undermines the rule of law.
- Section 215 of the *Planning Act 2023* is referenced regarding the principle that unlawful development should be assessed as if it had not occurred.

Response

The Authority acknowledges that the car park is currently a prohibited use, was constructed without development approval and was therefore unlawful at the outset when the land was used as an informal carpark and further at the time of sealing. This has been confirmed through ACAT proceedings and is not contested.

Consideration of DPA-12 does not retrospectively approve unlawful works, negate ACAT findings, or remove the legal consequences of past non-compliance. The purpose of a DPA is to consider whether a particular land use should be permitted under the Territory Plan framework on a forward-looking basis. Enforcement, remediation, penalties, insurance, and liability matters remain subject to scrutiny through separate statutory and contractual processes and are not determined through the DPA mechanism.

See responses to similar comments raised in '3.3.1.1 Legality and planning compliance issues' above.

3.3.4 Integrity and credibility of the planning system

- Concern that DPA-12 reverses the proper planning sequence by amending the Territory Plan to accommodate an existing non-compliant outcome.
- Submissions argue this shifts Canberra's planning system from a rules-based to a reactive system.
- Approval is characterised as "fait accompli" planning that rewards persistence rather than merit.
- Concern that this would weaken public confidence in planning controls and enforcement.

Response

The Authority recognises concerns regarding planning system credibility. However, the planning framework requires the Authority to assess proposals on their planning merits rather than solely on historical circumstances.

The consideration of a DPA does not diminish the importance of compliance or enforcement but provides a transparent statutory process to resolve a longstanding and complex land use issue.

The Authority is satisfied that public consultation, independent assessment, and decision-making safeguards inherent in the plan amendment process preserve the integrity of the planning system.

3.3.5 Use and misuse of the draft plan amendment process

- The draft amendment is described as addressing only one of several compliance failures (zoning), while leaving unresolved matters of development approval, lease compliance, safety and remediation.
- Concern that the amendment is being used to bypass scrutiny normally applied through a DA.
- Submissions argue that DPA-12 creates a planning pathway for a use that may never fully comply with other statutory requirements.

Response

The DPA process is used to determine land use compatibility for a development. It does not authorise development, approve physical works, or circumvent development approval requirements or other matters requiring consideration and resolution.

If DPA-12 is approved, any subsequent DA must be assessed independently in accordance with the *Planning Act 2023* and relevant provisions in the Territory Plan as well as any relevant technical standards.

The DPA does not replace or bypass DA scrutiny and does not guarantee approval of any future works.

See responses to similar comments raised in '3.3.1.2 Misuse of major plan amendment process' above.

3.3.6 Appropriateness of the site and PRZ1 urban open space

- Objections were expressed to introducing a private car park on land zoned PRZ1 Urban Open Space, where car parks are otherwise prohibited.
- PRZ1 exists to protect land for recreation, access, landscape quality, ecological functions, and community use.
- The proposed use fundamentally conflicts with PRZ1 zone objectives and overlays protecting public open space.

Response

The Authority acknowledges that PRZ1 Urban Open Space is intended to preserve and protect land for recreation, landscape, ecological and community purposes.

DPA-12 proposes a site-specific additional assessable use for car park, rather than a general change to the PRZ1 zone. This would limit the use of a car park to the portion of the block subject to the DPA, whilst still being publicly accessible and not undermine the objectives of the PRZ1 zoning.

Any future DA for the carpark, should the DPA be approved, would need to be demonstrate that the car park meets relevant assessment requirements and outcomes that consider the impacts to the functionality of the site as an urban open space.

3.3.7 Inconsistencies with strategic planning objectives

- DPA-12 is inconsistent with the ACT Planning Strategy, the Inner North and City District Strategy including the Blue-Green Network objectives, and the Statement of Planning Priorities 2025–2028.
- The proposal conflicts with policies promoting compact urban form, protection of green infrastructure, climate resilience, and sustainable transport.
- No strategic document supports new surface parking on protected urban open space in well-serviced inner areas.

Response

The Authority has assessed the amendment against the ACT Planning Strategy, the Inner North and City District Strategy, and the Statement of Planning Priorities. While these frameworks emphasise protection of open space and sustainable urban outcomes, they also contemplate balancing competing land use needs where community safety, access, and broader functionality are affected.

As outlined in section 3.3.2.6, the Authority considers that the change would impact a small portion of the urban open space and would therefore not compromise its overall functionality and use for those purposes. With this, it is considered to be consistent with the strategic planning objectives.

As stated in response to 3.3.6 above, any future DA for the carpark, should the DPA be approved, would need to be demonstrate that the car park meets relevant assessment requirements and outcomes that consider the impacts to the functionality of the site as an urban open space.

3.3.8 Lack of demonstrated need and assessment of alternatives

- Concern that the amendment does not demonstrate a genuine planning need for a car park on public open space.
- Parking demand is self-inflicted, resulting from BCC building over its own parking and expanding enrolments.
- Claims that removal of the car park would increase congestion or safety risks are described as untested and unsupported by evidence.
- Alternatives (on-site parking either surface or structured), shuttle services, staggered times, public and active transport, off-site leasing) have not been actively encouraged or adequately considered.
- The site is well served by public and active transport with two local bus stops directly outside the campus, rapid bus services nearby and a light rail station within a five-minute walk.

Response

The Authority notes comments asserting that parking demand is self-generated. Notwithstanding this, the enrolment numbers at BCC are among the highest in the Territory per hectare. [ACT School Census Data](#) outlines that BCC has a total of 1057 students across approximately 1.8ha (equating to approximately 587 students per ha). In comparison to schools of a similar size (by area) and other independent schools offering K-12 schooling:

- Florey Primary School has 465 students over approx. 2.1ha (221 students per ha)
- Majura Primary School has approx. 778 students over 2.8ha (278 students per ha)
- Campbell Primary School has approx. 308 students over 3.2ha (96 students per ha)
- Canberra Grammar School has approx. 2213 students over 19.5ha (113 students per ha)
- Burgmann Anglican College has approx. 2180 students over 18.5ha (118 students per ha)
- Radford College has approx. 1799 students over 7.5ha (240 students per ha)

Irrespective of past enrolment trends at BCC, this highlights that space within the school boundary is already at a premium.

It is also acknowledged that the site is well serviced by public and active transport and the preference for more students to travel via these means to school. Notwithstanding this, as highlighted in the response to 3.3.2.3 above,

evidence shows that the car remains the dominant form of travel to and from schools and this car park is well utilised during peak periods. Noting this, the Authority is satisfied that there will continue to be an immediate demand for parking in the area proximate to the school during peak times.

3.3.9 Traffic, safety, and active travel impacts

- Concerns about traffic congestion on Brigalow Street, Mouat Street and surrounding local roads, particularly during school peaks.
- Submissions highlight pedestrian and cyclist safety risks, especially for children using designated Safe Active Travel routes.
- ACAT findings raising safety deficiencies, poor design, and vehicle-pedestrian conflict are cited.
- Expanding parking increases car use rather than reducing congestion.

Responses

Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety concerns are acknowledged, including those identified by ACAT. DPA- 12 does not endorse the current access arrangements, operational practices, or design of the car park. Any future DA would be required to demonstrate compliance with current traffic engineering standards, safety requirements, and active travel principles. Where deficiencies are identified, redesign, mitigation, or alternative arrangements would be required before any approval could be granted.

See responses to similar comments raised in '3.3.1.4 Traffic, safety, and design flaws' above.

3.3.10 Environmental and climate change impacts

- Concern about loss of green space, urban heat island effects, burning of fossil fuels, stormwater runoff, and impacts on Sullivans Creek.
- Submissions cite research showing car parks as major contributors to localised warming and reduced climate resilience.
- Sealing additional open space directly conflicts with climate adaptation, sustainability, and “city in a landscape” objectives.

Response

The Authority acknowledges concerns regarding urban heat, stormwater runoff, and impacts on Sullivans Creek. Environmental performance, surface

treatment, landscaping, stormwater management, and climate mitigation measures are design-specific matters to be addressed at the DA stage. The amendment does not preclude requirements for water-sensitive urban design, canopy cover, permeable surfaces, or other environmental mitigation measures that may be necessary to achieve acceptable outcomes.

The Conservator of Flora and Fauna, as a mandatory Government referral entity, acknowledges that the site has very limited ecological values. Other areas of Government have provided feedback for addressing urban heat and provision of green infrastructure, advising that the car park should address canopy coverage requirements.

These matters are already embedded within the Parks and Recreation Zone Policy and will be considered and addressed as part of any future DA.

Lyneham Oval has also been identified for future restoration opportunity, as part of the Sullivans Creek Re-naturalisation plan, to help mitigate flood risk and improve water quality.

3.3.11 Community amenity, equity, and social value of open space

- The social, recreational, cultural, and experiential value of Lyneham Oval as community land is emphasised in comments.
- Submissions stress increasing importance of open space in a densifying Inner North context.
- The amendment benefits a single private institution while imposing costs on the wider community.
- The oval already has a dedicated and sufficient car park that has been in operation since the oval was created. Any use of the oval is already catered for on the current dedicated car park.
- Reference is made to numerous petitions, community meetings, and sustained opposition demonstrating strong community expectation that the oval remains as public open space.

Response

The Authority recognises the strong community attachment to Lyneham Oval and the importance of retaining urban open space, particularly in the densifying Inner North district.

The school is responsible for all costs associated with the development and maintenance of the car park. Any future DA for the car park, should the DPA be approved, would need to demonstrate that the site will remain

publicly accessible and available to the community for recreational and social purposes as the underlying PRZ1 zone will be retained.

See responses to similar comments raised in '3.3.1.6 Protection of urban open space and community interests' above.

3.3.12 Governance, enforcement, and accountability

- Criticism of past government failures to enforce lease conditions, stop unlawful works, and uphold enrolment limits.
- Concern is expressed that approving DPA-12 would “paper over” regulatory failures rather than correct them.
- Scepticism is raised about whether future conditions, if imposed, would be effectively enforced given the past history of the matter.
- any approval should come with conditions whereby the school incurs cost or penalty such as for continued upkeep of the remaining oval area designated for use by both schools and by the public.

Response

The Authority acknowledges concerns regarding historic enforcement of the sub-lease in contravention of the conditions. Consideration of DPA-12 does not excuse any previous actions, decisions or enabling future non-compliance.

Cost or upkeep of the remaining oval is not a consideration of the DPA process. The oval is unleased Territory Land and the land custodian may discuss any shared upkeep arrangements should they choose to.

See response to similar comments raised in '3.3.1.5 Government failure and accountability' above.

3.3.13 Precedent, cumulative impact, and irreversibility

- Concern that approval would set a dangerous precedent allowing further unlawful occupation and illegal use of public land to be sanctioned and later legitimised.
- Result in cumulative erosion of Canberra's urban open space network.
- The change is described as effectively permanent, with loss of flexibility to return land to open space once formalised.

Response

The Authority does not consider that approval of DPA-12 would establish a general precedent. Territory Plan amendments are assessed on a case-by-case basis, having regard to site-specific circumstances, strategic context, and public interest considerations.

The Authority acknowledges that changes to land use are not easily reversed and has therefore applied careful scrutiny to the proposal.

The underlying zoning of the car park will remain as PRZ1 urban open space, and still within the custodianship of the ACT Government. Under this arrangement, as the school does not and will not lease the land outright, the Government is within its rights any time, should part or all of the land be required for a public purpose, to extinguish the license or sub-lease and request removal of part or all of the car park on the subject site.

3.3.14 Legal proceedings and procedural timing

- Inappropriate to progress DPA-12 while appeals relating to the ACAT decision remain unresolved.
- Concerns raised that advancing the amendment risks pre-empting judicial outcomes and undermining orderly decision-making.

Response

The matter is currently before the Supreme Court. The Court's decision will neither determine nor pre-empt the outcome of any future strategic planning decisions, including DPA-12. Similarly, the consideration of DPA-12 will not affect or impede the Court's assessment of the matter. These processes operate separately and independently and will continue to do so.

DPA-12 is a proponent-initiated major plan amendment, with endorsement from the land custodian for the consideration of the additional assessable use of car park on the site. The Authority accepted the proposal and is progressing the DPA in accordance with the statutory planning framework. As provided under section 59(3) of the *Planning Act 2023*, the preparation of a draft major plan amendment does not indicate support by the Authority and the Authority must continue to assess the proposal on its merits and is not obliged to proceed with the amendment.

3.3.15 Standing to initiate the amendment

- Questions raised whether a sub-lessee or private institution should have standing to initiate a major plan amendment affecting public land.
- Concerns were raised about conflicts between public ownership, private benefit, and governance of community assets.

Response

The Authority is satisfied that DPA-12 has been initiated in accordance with the provisions in the *Planning Act 2023* relating to proponent-initiated amendments. The land is Territory Land under the custodianship of the City and Environment Directorate. The land custodian granted consent for the proponent to submit the application for a major plan amendment.

3.3.16 Strategic planning and zoning

- Suggestions that a zoning change to Community Facilities Zone (CFZ) may be more appropriate:
 - will address need for clearer, more durable land tenure arrangements (e.g. Crown lease).
 - rezoning could improve transparency, allow clearer conditions of use and secure public access and limit future intensification.

Response

Comments relating to zoning, land tenure and long-term certainty are noted. These issues are acknowledged and have been considered in the formulation of DPA-12.

Rezoning to CFZ was considered disproportionate given the limited land area affected and the site's functional integration with surrounding open space land uses. It is also noted that the car park will remain publicly accessible for use of the open space as well as the school.

The proposed approach will enable the car park development to be formalised without also enabling other inappropriate development rights (such as retirement villages and supportive housing). The retention of the PRZ1 zoning whilst permitting the additional use will allow for consideration and assessment of the use for a car park through any future DA should the DPA be approved. .

Matters relating to land tenure, including the form of sub-lease arrangements, fall outside the statutory scope of a DPA. While clarity and durability of tenure are acknowledged as important for long-term site

management, such matters are addressed through separate administrative provisions.

Overall, the amendment is considered to provide sufficient transparency and planning certainty by clearly articulating the permissibility and intent of the use.

3.3.17 Development application and future management

- Approval of DPA-12 should not be the end of the process.
- Any subsequent DA should include:
 - Updated traffic and parking generation analysis.
 - Consideration of enrolment growth and demand.
 - Pick-up/drop-off design, not just parking numbers.
 - Exploration of complementary measures (shared parking, active travel, alternative access).

Response

DPA-12 does not approve the use of the site for a car park, nor the specific design, layout, traffic arrangement or operational requirements. Any future DA will consider the detailed design, consistency with the assessment outcomes in the Territory Plan and technical standards.

Issues raised by submitters, including updated traffic and parking generation analysis, consideration of enrolment growth and demand, detailed pick-up and drop-off design, and complementary measures such as shared parking, active travel initiatives and alternative access arrangements, will be assessed through a DA assessment process. At that stage, the assessment would be informed by current data, site-specific design responses, and conditions.

The role of DPA-12 is to establish the planning framework for a permitted use within which subsequent assessment occurs. It does not predetermine the outcome of any DA, nor does it limit the ability of the Authority to impose conditions or refuse a DA if unacceptable impacts are identified.

3.3.18 Community process, consultation and advocacy

- Some comments raised concerns about pro-forma submissions, clarity and transparency of advocacy by community groups and the protracted nature of the dispute.

DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT 12 – CONSULTATION REPORT

Response

The *Planning Act 2023* provides for broad public consultation and allows for all submissions to be considered on their planning merits, regardless of their form or origin. The Authority's assessment is focused on the substance of planning issues raised, rather than the volume or advocacy position associated with individual submissions.

The consultation undertaken for DPA-12 is considered to have met statutory requirements and provided adequate opportunity for community input. The diversity of views expressed has informed the assessment but does not alter the requirement to consider and determine the amendment on planning grounds.

The detailed design and assessment of the impacts of the car park will continue to be scrutinised publicly through subsequent statutory processes including at DA stage.

4.0 CHANGES MADE TO DPA-12 FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

The DPA-12 document, available on the Planning [website](#), contains all changes to the Territory Plan proposed by DPA-12.

No changes were made to DPA-12 following consultation.

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Date: Monday, 13 April 2026 10:01:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good morning [REDACTED]

Apologies this one fell through the gaps. The site is primarily asphalt and contains very limited ecological values. No comments from us at this stage.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]
Senior Conservation Officer

Office of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna | City and Environment Directorate

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Territory Plan and Planning Reform team are following up comments from the Conservator on this proposal. We do not seem to have a record of the Conservator's comments. If you have previously provided mandatory entity feedback on this matter, please could you re-send, and apologies if we have missed your comments.

Thank you.

Regards,

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REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Draft Major Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park (DPA-12)

Part Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham

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Dear Territory Plan and Planning Reform Team,

Thank you for referring the below draft Major Plan Amendment (DPA-12) - Brindabella Christian College Carpark for B23 S41 Lyneham to the Office of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for review.

Apologies for delayed response. EPA confirms it raises no objections to the amendment at this stage.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Planning Liaison Officer | Strategic Regulation, Office of the Environment Protection Authority

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major plan amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park (DPA-12)

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Part Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham

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DPA-12 was placed on public consultation on 27 February 2026.

The Proposal

DPA-12 proposes to amend the Land Use Table in the Inner North and City District Policy in the [Territory Plan 2023](#) to permit additional assessable development for a car park on the subject site.



ACT Heritage Council

HERITAGE ADVICE

Under Part 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*

Heritage Reference: Lyneham-S41-B23

Contact Officer: [REDACTED]

Received by Council:

2 March 2026

Due date:

23 March 2026

TO: Territory Plan Section
City and Environment Directorate
terrplan@act.gov.au

Block:	Section:	Division / District:	Heritage Place:
Part 23	41	Lyneham	Nil

Status of Place: In the vicinity of a Registered Heritage Place

Description of Works: Draft Major Plan Amendment

Council Advice provided by: Manager (Approvals and Advice)

Pursuant to Part 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council advises that:

- ☒ The proposed Draft Major Plan Amendment is **unlikely to diminish the heritage significance** of the place.

Background:

On 2 March 2026, the Territory Planning Authority (TPA) referred the Draft Major Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park within part Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham to the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) for entity advice.

The proposed amendment seeks to amend the Land Use Table in the Inner North and City District Policy in the Territory Plan to permit additional assessable development for a car park on the subject site.

Advice:

Following review of the ACT Heritage Register (Register), it is identified that the subject block does not contain any nominated, registered or recorded heritage places or objects. The subject block is, however, located in the vicinity of 'St Ninian's Church', which is a heritage registered place on the Register and subject to *Heritage Act 2004* provisions.

Informed by this review, and as a delegate of the Council, I advise the proposed development is unlikely to diminish the heritage significance of a place, and there are no *Heritage Act 2004* considerations to the proposal.

[REDACTED]

Manager (Approvals and Advice) (as delegate for),
ACT Heritage Council
24 March 2026

From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Territory Plan team.

Thank you for the request for comments for DPA-12 at Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham. The site is zoned within the Urban Areas of the National Capital Plan (the Plan).

The proposed amendment is not inconsistent with the Plan and the NCA has no concerns.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Planning Officer

National Capital Authority

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Dear Territory Planning Authority,

RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS BY 23 MARCH 2026 - entity consultation - Draft major plan amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park (DPA-12)

Thank you for referring the draft major plan amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park (DPA-12) for part Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham to Development Planning- Building Design and Development Branch(BDD).

Please find the advice from respective CED stakeholders below:

A. **CED- City Presentation**

City Presentation has noted that Lyneham Oval has been identified for future restoration opportunity, as part of the Sullivans Creek Re-naturalisation plan, to help mitigate flood risk and improve water quality as referenced in the link below:

https://www.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/2622189/sullivans-creek-re-naturalisation-options-report.pdf

B. **CED-Roads ACT**

Roads ACT has no comments on the proposal.

C. **CED- Urban Treescapes(UTS)**

UTS has no objections to the proposed DPA-12. However, UTS has concerns regarding the complete lack of canopy coverage in the existing car park. UTS recommends that the car park should address canopy coverage requirements consistent with Canberra's Living Infrastructure Plan to reduce heat-island effects as noted below:

- Tree planting in car parks must comply with [MIS 24 Soft Landscape Design](#), which requires 1 tree per 5 car spaces.
- Tree planting areas must provide a minimum of 2.4 m² of permeable surface per tree.
- Passive irrigation opportunities should be incorporated, including the use of castellated kerbs, where appropriate.
- Suitable tree species must be selected from [Municipal Infrastructure Standard 25 Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects \(Edition 1 Revision 2\)](#)

In summary, as per above, Development Planning-CED has no has no objection to this proposed amendment progressing. We note that DPA-12 essentially proposes for the inclusion of the car park as an Additional Assessable Development for the subject site to enable the lodgement of a retrospective

Development Application and also retention of carpark without conflicting PRZ1 objectives.

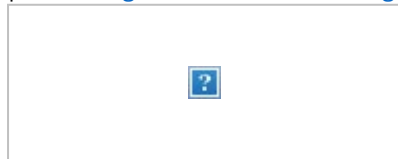
However, any future development applications should address canopy coverage requirements (stated above) and consider Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles within any upgrade/maintenance of the carpark.

Should you require further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
A/g Planning Coordinator | Development Planning

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Good afternoon Territory Plan and Planning Reform team,

Thank you for your email.

The Development Coordination acknowledge receipt and have commenced processing your request.

[REDACTED] has been assigned and will respond to you by COB 23 March 2026.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | **Customer Support and Business Improvement**

Email: [REDACTED]

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Allowing this private school to effectively acquire public land by adverse possession sets an awful precedent. I find the idea offensive. It's all the worse for the fact that it's replacing public green space with a surface car park, with deleterious effects on active transport in the area.

The land should be resumed with the school required to pay to rectify it.

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The amendment to retrospectively enable an illegal act should be rejected. The mere fact the planning authorities have been unwilling or unable to perform elementary parts of their job is not a justification for abandoning the entire principle that the plan represents a plan rather than a post hoc fig leaf. Were this an appropriate use of land the time to change the plan was before the carpark was built. To abandon that principal is to abandon any semblance that development need follow any form of rules and provide carte blanche to perform illegal development in the hope a suitably inept, indifferent or corrupt authority will justify it after the fact. We would not retrospectively deem a park to be R5 solely because someone has illegally built a tower on it, why would we make an exception for a carpark?

The above is sufficient in itself to reject the amendment on basic principals of good government, however the amendment justification also fails on its own merits by stating, falsely, that the amendment is not inconsistent with the 5 themes of the ACT Planning strategy.

The building of the carpark has allowed a 400 per cent growth in the school population in question without planning. The form this has followed has violated several of the themes of the plan. The fact this has already happened to some degree can not be taken as a mitigating factor - the effects will still accumulate and more importantly this could be used to justify any and all violations of the plan retrospectively. As such the only legitimate evaluation is to evaluate the plan change as if only the current allowed use was occurring.

Compact and efficient city - The carpark acts to bring in students from outside the area solely by motorised transport. This encourages sprawl by encouraging people to live far flung from places of education, and contributes to carbon emissions

Sustainable and resilient territory - The use as a car park encourage fossil fuel based vehicles and modes of transport that are vulnerable to spikes in the price thereof (as is occurring in March 2026). It also provides a large hard surface of tarmac that encourages heat retention and run off with environment impacts.

Liveable Canberra - The illegal carpark, built without planning oversight is a risk to students using active transport. My own children have had numerous near misses from motorists entering the carpark. Allowing the carpark limits to ability of other Canberrans to use active transport and significantly affects liveability for them.

Accessible Canberra - As above the carpark significantly limits the ability of non motorists to access the area.

As such the amendment is in clear violation of 4 of the 5 stated principles, in addition to abandoning any commitment to the idea that development be governed by the plan, and that illegal actions be sanctioned. Approving the amendment would effectively be abandoning the entirety of the plan.

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To whom it may concern,

I am a local resident writing to oppose Draft Plan Amendment 12 relating to the car park used by Brindabella Christian College near Lyneham Oval.

At its core, this proposal raises a fundamental issue of planning integrity. The car park was constructed and sealed on land zoned for Urban Open Space without development approval. As acknowledged in the amendment documentation and Supporting Report, the proposed change to the Territory Plan is required precisely because the current use is not permitted under the existing planning framework.

Changing the Territory Plan to accommodate a development that was built without approval risks establishing a troubling precedent: that developers can build first and seek to legalise the outcome later. The credibility of the ACT planning system depends on the consistent application of rules. If this amendment proceeds, it sends the message that compliance is optional for those willing to take the risk.

The land is zoned for Urban Open Space, intended for community use and recreation. Allowing a private school car park on this land represents a loss of public space and an effective privatisation of land intended for the wider community.

It is also difficult to ignore the broader governance context of the proponent. Brindabella Christian College has faced significant governance and financial issues in recent years, including regulatory scrutiny and recent voluntary administration. In this context, retrospectively changing planning rules to accommodate an unauthorised development sends the wrong signal about accountability and regulatory compliance.

For these reasons, I urge the ACT Government to reject Draft Plan Amendment 12 and require the site to be restored to its intended purpose as public open space.

Regards,



Lyneham Resident

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Brindabella Christian College built a carpark on an oval that was not allowed due to the land zoning, and there has been an ACAT ruling to this effect. It has been ruled that this should be remediated. To retrospectively allow this public space to become a car park would invite further illegal developments. This was an illegal activity and should be treated as such, and giving them the land and approving this after the fact is a poor choice to protect other zoning laws in the territory.

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I oppose this draft plan amendment as I believe it sets a dangerous precedent for constructing first, ask forgiveness later. The car park was not allowed under the current territory plan, yet it was done anyways. Instead of forcing the removal, this DPA is seeking to approve this retrospectively

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DPA-12

Provide the details of your representation*

Absolutely outrageous that the ACT Govt or the Planning Authority seemingly does not have the spine to stand up to organisations that are trying to purloin our public land. Meanwhile the community has been obliged to spend years of time and effort to organise and oppose this underhanded behaviour, through multiple court cases.

The community is strongly opposed to this DPA, and our ACT Govt should disallow this DPA and require the applicant to restore the area to its original condition.

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I am strongly opposed to the retro-active amendment to license the pre-existing and illegal carpark in the area in question. This really is an incredibly straightforward situation: the site was zoned as open public land, the College built a carpark there illegally, and now they are seeking retroactive sanction for this. If the amendment is granted then it encourages similar behaviour in the future by other entities. I, for one, would love to build a 4 story 2 bedroom house on the Lyneham oval. Should I simply proceed regardless, build the house, and then use the fact that I've already done it to argue for retro-active approval? If they were applying for approval legally, prior to building a carpark, then we could at least consider the case on its merits. In this situation, it's not possible to adopt that view, and the only reasonable response is to maintain the status quo including the restoration of the area in question to its originally licensed purpose.

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DPA-12

Provide the details of your representation*

I am a resident of [REDACTED] which is close to BCC. Two of my children attend Lyneham Primary School (LPS) and I am a current member of the LPS Board.

My major concern with the plan amendment process (and the future DA process) is that I can see no evidence that the safety of LPS students and the broader Lyneham community is being considered and appropriately managed in this process. In particular, I think the safety of LPS students (who are walking and cycling to school) is actually at much greater risk than the BCC students (who are largely being dropped off by car). There needs to be much broader consideration of pedestrian safety in order to ensure the long term design and operation of the BCC carpark is appropriate.

I make three recommendations:

- 1) That a comprehensive traffic safety study be conducted that includes LPS students and the broader Lyneham community with the objective of determining the optimal ways of managing traffic and ensuring safety for both BCC students and pedestrians along Brigalow St
- 2) That as part of this process, consideration be given to the installation of an additional pedestrian crossing for Brigalow St shown at an indicative location on the attached image. A crossing in this location would ensure local foot and bike traffic would not have to interact with BCC car traffic in an unsafe manner associated with the car park
- 3) That the decision maker/s for the major plan amendment and subsequent DA visit Brigalow St at school drop off and pick up times to visually see and understand the scale of the issue, and the risk to the local community. I urge you to do this before someone is hit by a car

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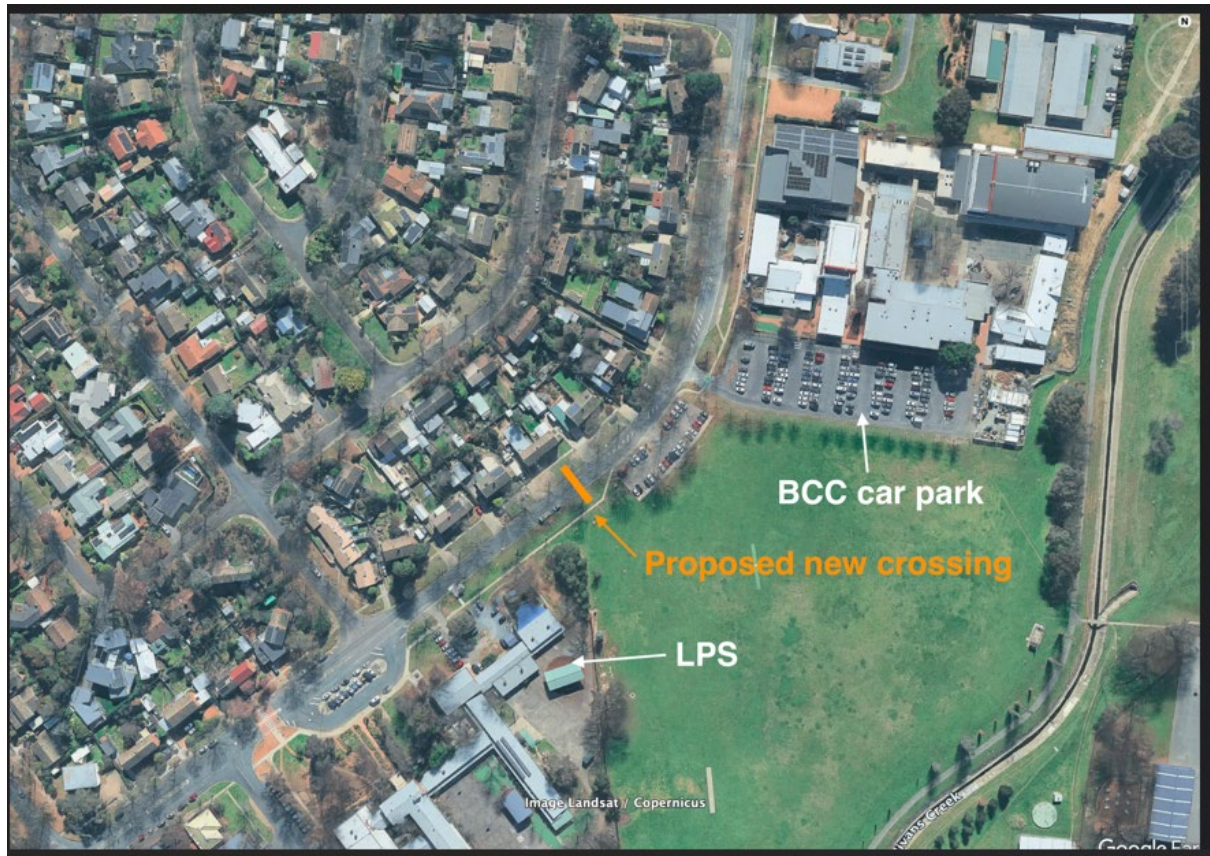
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SUBMISSION OPPOSING DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENT 12

Draft Plan Amendment 12 — Brindabella Christian College car park —
Lyneham Section 41, part Block 23

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Date: 20 March 2026

I am a resident of Lyneham, living approximately 250 metres from the Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval and the subject car park. I write to urge the Territory Planning Authority to reject Draft Plan Amendment 12 (DPA-12), which proposes to add “car park” as Additional Assessable Development on part of Block 23, Section 41 Lyneham — land zoned PRZ1 Urban Open Space.

I have reviewed the DPA-12 document, the SPACELAB supporting report (Rev. B, November 2025), and the Application Outcome Notice dated 5 February 2026. My objection is based on the following grounds.

1. THE THRESHOLD QUESTION: PRZ1 LAND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL CAR PARKING

The Authority should first consider the threshold question: is it sound planning policy to create a site-specific pathway permitting a private commuter parking use on land zoned PRZ1 Urban Open Space?

Car parks are marked with a dash in the PRZ1 land use table — they are prohibited. This reflects a deliberate planning judgment that vehicle parking is incompatible with the purposes of urban open space. DPA-12 proposes to override this prohibition for a single site, to benefit a single private institution. On planning merits alone, the answer should be no.

2. THE AMENDMENT FAILS THE STATUTORY TEST UNDER SECTION 75(4)

Under section 75(4) of the Planning Act 2023, the Minister may approve a draft major plan amendment “only if” it is “not inconsistent with the planning strategy or any relevant district strategy.” This is a mandatory precondition.

2.1 Inconsistency with the ACT Planning Strategy

The ACT Planning Strategy 2018 commits to “retain the features of the city that people value, including the bush capital setting and access to green space” and to “protecting and expanding living infrastructure, managing our waterways, reducing emissions, protecting our parks and reserves for both our community and our biodiversity.”

The subject site occupies 9,175 m² — approximately 18% of Block 23 (51,331 m² total). Permitting a 130-space car park permanently converts a substantial portion of a neighbourhood’s urban open space to a private vehicle-storage function. The fact that PRZ1 zoning is technically “retained” does not cure this: the overlay would override the fundamental prohibition on car parks in PRZ1 and permanently alter the character and function of this public land.

2.2 Inconsistency with the Inner North and City District Strategy

The Inner North and City District Strategy identifies that the community values “open green space with parklands, wetlands, creeks and the ‘garden city’ concept.” The Blue-Green Network driver aims to protect areas vital for “providing clean air, water and visual amenity to suburbs, serving as native plant and animal habitat and supporting liveability and community well-being.”

The subject site is part of the Urban Open Space within this Blue-Green Network, adjacent to Sullivans Creek. Permanently establishing a sealed car park within this network is inconsistent with the strategy’s protection objectives.

I note the SPACELAB supporting report contains an error on page 14 where it refers to the “Inner South District Strategy.” The subject site is in the Inner North.

3. THE AMENDMENT CONFLICTS WITH PRZ1 ZONE OBJECTIVES

The seven policy outcomes for PRZ1 (section 4.4 of the supporting report) concern recreation, ecological protection, stormwater management, landscape quality, ancillary uses, integrated land/water planning, and safe pedestrian and cycling access. A standalone 130-space car park for a private school serves none of these. The supporting report’s responses are strained:

- It claims the car park “supports future increased use and maintenance of the oval” (outcome 4), but the car park is operated by and for BCC. The PRZ1 ancillary use provision contemplates “park maintenance depots, small-scale community activity centres” — not private school parking infrastructure.
- It claims the car park “improves pedestrian and cycling safety” (outcome 7), when ACAT found the opposite — noting safety deficiencies including vehicle-pedestrian interaction risks at the Brigalow Street access.
- It dismisses stormwater impacts (outcomes 3 and 6), but a 5,550 m² sealed bitumen surface adjacent to Sullivans Creek necessarily increases impervious runoff and reduces natural stormwater infiltration.

4. NO DEMONSTRATED NEED AND NO ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The parking shortage was entirely self-inflicted. BCC acquired the O’Connor Christian School in 1998 with an on-site car park. In 2009, BCC built over its own car park using Building Education Revolution funds. It then obtained a sublease over part of the oval — without public consultation — and constructed the car park without approval.

The supporting report claims removal “would displace vehicles onto surrounding residential streets” but provides no traffic study, Transport Impact Assessment, or parking utilisation data. The

proponent has not demonstrated that alternatives were considered:

- On-site reconfiguration of the BCC campus
- Travel demand management (bus services, active travel programs, staggered drop-off times)
- Shared parking arrangements with nearby facilities
- Kiss-and-ride redesign on-site

The ACT Government's own Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools states that long-term parking should “only be provided on school grounds” (emphasis in original) and that short-term parking should be “away from main entrances” used by walking, cycling, and bus students. The supporting report misrepresents this guide by implying it supports off-site parking on public open space.

5. ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND AMENITY IMPACTS

The supporting report understates the environmental consequences of a sealed car park on this site:

- Urban heat island: 5,550 m² of bitumen absorbs and re-radiates heat, counter to the Sustainability and Resilience planning principle (s 10 of the Planning Act), which requires “mitigating the effects of urban heat.”
- Stormwater and water quality: Adjacent to Sullivans Creek, a sealed car park generates runoff carrying oils, heavy metals, and other pollutants, and reduces natural infiltration — directly relevant to PRZ1 outcome 3 and the Blue-Green Network driver.
- Loss of recreational land: With densification along Northbourne Avenue and the future Lyneham light rail stop, the loss of 18% of this oval block to private parking reduces recreation space for a growing population.
- Traffic and safety: ACAT found the car park was not designed to relevant standards, with pedestrian safety issues at the Brigalow Street access.

6. RECENT PLANNING TREATMENT OF COMPARABLE PRZ1 PARKING PROPOSALS

In March 2023, the Authority rejected Canberra Grammar School’s application to convert a temporary gravel car park on Monaro Crescent, Griffith (also PRZ1) into a permanent sealed facility with 86 spaces. It classified it as a standalone car park — prohibited under PRZ1 — finding it would “not contribute a positive outcome in regards to the PRZ1 zone objectives.” Transport Canberra found “little evidence supplied to justify” the necessity.

While that was a development application rather than a plan amendment, the planning analysis is the same: a school car park on PRZ1 land is a prohibited use that does not advance zone objectives. DPA-12 presents a weaker case — BCC built without any approvals and now seeks retrospective legitimisation.

7. PLANNING SYSTEM INTEGRITY AND FAIT ACCOMPLI REASONING

The supporting report’s central argument is that the car park has operated for over a decade and should therefore continue. This is fait accompli reasoning.

Section 215 of the Planning Act 2023 requires that retrospective development applications be assessed “as if the development was not undertaken.” While this applies to DAs rather than plan amendments, the underlying policy is instructive: the planning system should not give credit to unlawful development as a fait accompli.

The car park was sealed in 2016 “without a Development Application,” after the Planning Authority had rejected BCC’s request for a direct land sale and advised a Territory Plan variation was required. BCC disregarded this advice. In November 2023, ACAT found a “trifecta of non-compliance” — no development approval, breach of sublease conditions, and contravention of the Territory Plan.

This matters not as “punishment” but because it bears on planning system integrity. If the Territory Plan can be amended to accommodate development built in defiance of planning advice, it establishes a template: obtain a sublease, build without approval, operate until entrenched, then apply for a retroactive amendment. The Legislative Assembly petition E-PET-004-23 (1,134 signatures) raised exactly this concern.

BCC has a broader record of planning non-compliance: trees removed without approval in 2016, demountable buildings eventually removed years after being required, and failure to submit campus drawings required by a 2016 DA condition.

8. DPA-12 ONLY ADDRESSES ONE OF THREE LEGAL VIOLATIONS

ACAT found the car park illegal on three grounds: (i) no development approval, (ii) breach of sublease conditions, (iii) contravention of Territory Plan zoning. DPA-12 addresses only the third.

The supporting report acknowledges that a licence change and a retrospective DA will also be required. DPA-12 is the first step in a multi-stage retrospective legitimisation process, none of which is guaranteed to succeed. Creating a planning pathway for a use that may never achieve full legal compliance is a poor use of the Authority’s resources.

9. THE SOCIAL VALUE OF THE OVAL AND COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

The Lyneham community has consistently demonstrated the value it places on the Oval as public open space:

- In 2015, over 1,553 signatures (approximately one-third of Lyneham’s population) opposed BCC’s proposal to build on the oval. Minister Rattenbury’s survey found over two-thirds opposed.
- In December 2023, over 80 residents attended a community meeting. Of 8 discussion groups, 7 of 8 wanted the car park returned to open space.
- The 2023 Legislative Assembly petition attracted 1,134 signatures.
- The North Canberra Community Council has publicly opposed the car park.

This reflects the community’s expectation that PRZ1 land will be managed for recreation, as the zone objectives require. The supporting report’s “Public Consultation” section (4.5) omits any acknowledgment of this opposition.

10. THE SUPREME COURT APPEAL REMAINS UNDECIDED

The ACT Supreme Court appeal of the ACAT decision was heard on 4 February 2026 with no decision yet. It is inappropriate to proceed with a plan amendment designed to address the zoning element of a tribunal decision while judicial review is still pending. The Authority should await the Court’s determination before making any recommendation to the Minister.

CONCLUSION

DPA-12 proposes to create a site-specific exception to the PRZ1 prohibition on car parks, for a private school that created its own parking problem and then occupied public land without approval.

On planning merits, the amendment is inconsistent with the ACT Planning Strategy, the District Strategy's Blue-Green Network objectives, and all seven PRZ1 zone outcomes. No need has been demonstrated, no alternatives analysed, no Transport Impact Assessment provided, and the environmental impacts of a sealed surface adjacent to Sullivans Creek have not been addressed. The Authority's own rejection of a comparable proposal at Canberra Grammar (March 2023) confirms this type of use is prohibited and contrary to zone objectives.

Approving DPA-12 would diminish a valued public open space in a densifying suburb and establish a precedent that private entities can occupy public land, operate in defiance of the planning system, and ultimately have the Territory Plan rewritten to accommodate their non-compliance.

I urge the Territory Planning Authority to reject DPA-12.

Urban Open Space is for the community, not school car parks.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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Public comment for **Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Approving this amendment sets a dangerous precedent that rogue actors can unlawfully act first and ask for (and be granted) approval later.

This cannot in good conscience be approved; it makes a mockery of our planning laws and authority and undermines our fundamental governance.

Considering the supporting report prepared by SPACELAB, below are several comments for consideration:

- The supporting report refers to accommodating 130 vehicles. The car park is also used for drop off and pick up of students resulting in a steady stream of additional vehicles significantly above the 130 figure referenced. All of these cars enter and exit via Brigalow Street across a walkway that is utilised by local Lyneham Primary students and puts them at unnecessary risk when using active travel to attend their local school.
- The issue of closing the car park and displacing these vehicles onto surrounding streets, increasing congestion and risk to children being dropped off at school without a dedicated facility would be limited if BCC adhered to their approved number of student enrolments.
- The report states the car park will also support continued growth of the school. Growth of the school will increase the substantial traffic congestion already experienced on Brigalow Street during the morning and afternoon peaks. The report also references “Pedestrian and cyclist safety has been a central consideration, with access improvements implemented in early 2023 and further upgrades anticipated through future development approval processes”. What are these future processes and how will they reduce congestions and risks? Further, the final determination by ACAT was to close the car park, and the primary reason was safety and conservation of active travel for the local community. This was even after the 2023 upgrades. Safety of the local community is not a priority of BCC and should not be considered addressed in any way within the current proposed amendment.
- The supporting report also refers to supporting the Lyneham Local Community Oval’s function and provide important amenity to support the oval with parking during sporting events. The oval already has a dedicated and sufficient car park that has been in operation since the oval was created. Any use of the oval is already catered for on the current dedicated car park. The watering system in the oval has also been decommissioned, this would cost an astronomical amount of funding and lobbying to approve and implement and should not be considered in support of this amendment.
- The response to Statement 9 of the planning principles of the Planning Act 2023 states it is not applicable to mitigating the effects of urban heat. Car parks are a major contributor to the urban heat island effect and this proposal will increase the effects of climate change.
- A final concern is the area at the rear of the parking lot. This has historically been used by the school for storage and holds several containers of equipment. Why is this

significant area included in the application? This area is not part of the car park and the issue of where to store that infrastructure should be the schools issue to solve on their current approved premises, this should not be considered as part of the application. If the current licence is for an 'outdoor sports facility', this area could be converted into a skate park for the wider local community to enjoy. It should not be included and considered for storage of the schools assets.

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Territory Planning Authority Attention:

Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham
Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team.

I respectfully request you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan. The land in question was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT Government gave approval for BCC to build over the existing carpark within its own block.

That should never have been allowed to happen. The conditions of the sub-lease have **never been met**, and yet the ACT Government has taken no action. The MPA makes the false claim that ‘parking provision for Brindabella Christian College aligns with the Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools’-

The Guide actually says (p. 15) •” short-term parking, usually for the purpose of dropping off children in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon, should ideally be located away from the main entrances” ACAT found that the carpark, as an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with relevant standards and thus had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.

An appeal lodged by BCC against the 2023 ACAT decision was heard by the Supreme Court on 4 February 2026. No decision has been made yet. It's particularly odd that this amendment proposal process is going ahead while the appeal outcome is unknown. The LCA have asked the Territory Planning Authority, and the Minister, Chris Steel, to suspend the process until after the outcome is known, but have not received a response.

If the amendment is adopted it will reward criminal behaviour, and set a troubling precedent for public open space in the ACT. ie. If your business starts using public land informally or obtains a sub-lease, and does what it wants on the land, after a few years the ACT Government will come to your rescue and legitimize all your failures and theirs by changing the zoning. Construction of a car park without

development approval and operating without insurance is a criminal act. No Govt action occurred in this case! The new owners when purchasing would have known the carpark was not approved and subject to proceedings including Supreme Court involvement. The failure of the government to uphold its laws has led to this situation, without these issues being resolved before the sale went through.

The ACT Government has

- *Failed by allowing building on the school existing carpark
- *Failed to terminate the sub-lease when it became apparent it was being breached
- *Failed to halt the construction of the illegal car park and illegal entry with no insurance on the area.
- *Failed have held BCC to the enrolment limits imposed in 2016 leading to new buildings on carpark.
- *Failed to take action to protect the community instead of leaving it up to a community organisation to take action to force it to act.

If this amendment succeeds, will a safe, conforming, entry and carpark be built? who will pay? Will there be a fine? Will a lease be levied? What is to stop the BCC building on the carpark in the future and then going thru the same procedure, as a precedent has been set?

The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open Space means. Zoning is there to define permitted use and protect our open spaces.

As density increases in the inner suburbs, the demand for open space becomes more important to schools and the community.

I have corresponded with Minister Berry on these issues, with very unsatisfactory replies.

Sincerely

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**Submission on Draft Major Plan Amendment 12 Brindabella Christian College car park
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23**

I write to object to DPA-12, which proposes to add an Additional Assessable Development overlay permitting a car park on part of Block 23 Section 41 Lyneham, currently zoned PRZ1 Urban Open Space.

It sets a damaging precedent

The car park was established informally from around 2006 and sealed in 2016, despite the planning authority having previously advised that a Territory Plan variation would be required and that the development would breach the Planning and Development Act. The effect of DPA-12, if approved, would be to legitimise a pattern of non-compliance: occupy public land, resist enforcement, and wait until the planning framework is changed to match the facts on the ground. Approving this amendment would signal to other private organisations that this approach carries acceptable risk. The integrity of PRZ1 zoning across the ACT depends on it being upheld consistently.

Sealed surfaces are contrary to the ACT's urban heat goals

A CSIRO report commissioned by the ACT Government found that areas with large expanses of impervious surfaces, including car parks, can run significantly hotter than surrounding areas. Permanently formalising a large bitumen car park on what is otherwise open green space runs counter to the ACT Government's own commitments on urban heat, living infrastructure, and climate resilience. The site sits adjacent to the Sullivans Creek corridor, which is identified as part of the Blue-Green Network. Formalising this use conflicts with the intent of that designation.

Providing more car parking is the wrong response to school traffic

The planning documents acknowledge that the car park is primarily used during school drop-off and pick-up periods. Providing dedicated car parking to accommodate this demand entrenches car-dependent behaviour rather than reducing it. The ACT Planning Strategy, the District Strategy, and the Statement of Planning Priorities all emphasise active travel, reduced congestion, and sustainable transport. Formalising a 130-space car park adjacent to a school, on public open space, works against those stated goals.

ACAT itself identified that the school had alternatives available, including shuttle services, encouraging public transport and active travel, and engaging with TCCS to find workable solutions. Those options do not appear to have been meaningfully pursued.

Risk to children and pedestrians

The ACAT decision specifically noted evidence of pedestrian safety risks at the car park entrance on Brigalow Street, where children must cross vehicle movements. Concentrating large volumes of school traffic through a single access point on a street shared with two schools and a local centre has been a documented safety concern for years. Formalising the car park does not resolve this and may entrench it.

The legal process is not yet concluded

At the time of writing, the ACT Supreme Court appeal against the ACAT orders appears to still be ongoing. If that is the case, it is premature to progress a Territory Plan amendment while those legal proceedings remain unresolved. The planning process should not run ahead of the legal one.

I ask the Territory Planning Authority not to proceed with DPA-12. The correct outcome is for the school to address its transport planning needs through lawful means, on appropriately zoned land, and without permanent occupation of public urban open space. The community and the planning framework are not well served by amending the Territory Plan to retrospectively accommodate a development that should not have been built in the first place.

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DPA-12 is seeking to allow a car park to be built on the land of the Lyneham Oval. This amendment seems to be a step in a process to retrospectively legalise the illegal act of putting a car park on the oval without permission. This should not be allowed to happen. The BCC put the car park on public land without permission. It ignored representations from the public about this illegal act. The ACT Government seems to have decided to ignore the fact that this act is illegal. BCC should be forced to return the land to its original use. They can then apply for a change of purpose, which would include an appropriate betterment charge. BCC has chosen to not put its car park on land it owns/leases. It chose to build on public land illegally when it could have used its own land. This is taking over public land for a private (albeit not for profit) purpose. There should be consequences for this act. So far, it seems that the ACT Government has not wanted to apply the law to this illegal act. DPA-12 should be rejected until the land is returned to its original state (without a car park). The potential retrospective approval of this illegal act sets an unacceptable precedent for the appropriation of public land for private use.

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While I appreciate the need for a school to have a carpark the high volume of cars entering the carpark creates significant congestion, increases the risk of harm to students and others, and drastically slows down traffic up to and through Ellenborough street.

It's almost as if Brigalow street and the carpark entrance were not designed for the current number of vehicles entering between 840 and 9am each weekday.

If at the very least, the carpark has to stay, please consider a requirement to amend the carpark access in a way that helps to ensure kids are safe and does not cause the traffic jams each day because a left hand turn is too tight.

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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –

Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I implore you to not support this proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan as it will set a

dangerous precedent for all private businesses in the ACT to acquire land through illegal takeovers.

The land in question was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT

Government gave approval for BCC to build extra classrooms on its existing carpark, within its allocated

land. BCC then used this sub-leased land to justify additional enrolments. BCC illegally bitumened the

carpark, built non compliant access ramps from Brigalow street and placed large signs claiming the

land. None of this was subject to Developmental Approval, nor was a road transport assessment ever

conducted. None of the conditions of the sub-lease have never been met, and yet the ACT Government

has taken no action.

Prior to the Lyneham Community Association's action in ACAT in 2023 against the ACT Government's

failure to take action against the numerous safety and planning issues with this carpark, all parties

(including BCC) agreed that the car park built by BCC in 2016 was constructed illegally as it

had no

development approval, breached the conditions of the sub-lease over the site, and contravened the

Territory Plan zoning.

The amendment DPA-12 only seeks to address the zoning issue in the most minimal way possible. No

information has been provided to give the community confidence that any of the other issues will be

resolved.

As the current car park is illegal it is uninsured, and uninsurable. Students at BCC cross this carpark

multiple times a day to reach the oval as they have no playground space on the school site. Students

from the local schools, Lyneham Primary, Lyneham Preschool, Lyneham High school walk along

the surrounding streets and have to navigate a traffic chaos twice a day and cars driving across the

pavement they walk. There are also residents of aged-care facilities and many community members

traversing this area. If an accident happens no one will be insured. BCC needs to design a safe and legal

way for its students and staff to access the school.

The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block in the report supporting DPA-12 are totally

inadequate. The only real justification put forward is that the carpark has been there, first informally

and then illegally sealed, since 2006. The argument offered is "It's being used by the school and

therefore, it may as well be made legal".

However, section 215 of the Planning Act 2023 in relation to development applications for development undertaken without approval points out in subsection (3) that 'the Territory Planning

Authority must treat the application for development approval as if the development was not

undertaken.' In other words, it must assess the development solely on its own merits relative to the

state of the land that existed before the unapproved development occurred. In this case, relative to its

former use as public open space.

While this provision relates to development approvals, as this Major Plan Amendment (MPA) proposal

is clearly the preliminary stage to a proposed DA for this carpark the MPA should be treated in the

same way.

Thus the MPA must first establish the need for a carpark on this block relative to its underlying zoning

of public open space. In this regard the ACAT process clearly found that the carpark was built by the

BCC for its own use because it had built over the carpark on its own land - it was never intended or

needed for ancillary parking for the adjacent neighbourhood oval.

The MPA needs to justify with evidence its untested claim that removing the car park would displace

these vehicles onto surrounding streets, increasing congestion and risk to children being dropped off

at school without a dedicated facility. In this analysis it must also examine alternative options for

transport of children to and from school and for staff parking.

The MPA makes the false claim that 'parking provision for Brindabella Christian College aligns with the

Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools' by providing 'sufficient off-street parking

and dedicated pick-up/set-down areas'.

In fact, the Guide says (p. 15)

- short-term parking, usually for the purpose of dropping off children in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon, should ideally be located away from the main entrances used by students who walk, cycle or travel by bus in order to minimise traffic congestion and reduce safety risks
- long-term parking should only be provided on school grounds as often there is competition with surrounding land uses for parking spaces on public roads.

ACAT found that the carpark, as an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with

relevant standards and thus had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.

If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for public land in the ACT. If your

business starts using public land informally or obtains a sub-lease, but does what it wants

on the land,

after a few years the ACT Government will come to your rescue and legitimize all your failures and

theirs by changing the zoning.

Construction of a car park without development approval is a criminal act. If the amendment is

adopted it will reward criminal behaviour. What other crime is left unpunished and the perpetrators

rewarded?

This situation has only arisen due to the failure of the government to uphold its own laws. It should

have terminated the sub-lease when it became apparent it was being breached. It should never have

allowed the construction of the illegal car park. It should have held BCC to the enrolment limits

imposed in 2016.

It should have taken action to protect the community instead of leaving it up to a community

organisation to take action in ACAT to force it to act.

The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open

Space means. It's time the government protected local communities and our open spaces.

Urban Open Space is for community, not school car parks.

I urge you to consider the following suggestions: -

- Allow a small public car park to remain on the site, returning much of the land to open space to allow students from BCC to safely access the oval without traversing an uninsured car park multiple times a day.
- Cap enrolments at the school from 2027 onwards to reduce the numbers of students to the 2006 numbers that represent the legally allowed enrolment for the size of the land the school actually owns. (By gifting, or selling, them the land the government is allowing them to continue the current enrolment, which is the crux of the problem, as most are out of area students being driven to school).
- Demand the school finds a legal, and safe, pick up and drop off site away from the Brigalow entrance. This could be in the Tennis centre across Mouat Street which has a traffic light pedestrian crossing on it.
- Request the school encourage students and staff to use public transport, and/or school sponsored buses
- Monitor, and police, illegal parking in local streets and keeping the two hour limit at the Lyneham shops.

By building on their existing carpark, and nearly doubling their enrolments, this school has created a

disaster for the local community. Every school, and private business, in the inner suburbs of cities

around Australia has to work out a way for people to safely and legal access their sites. BCC must do

the same.

Reject the proposed amendment DPA-12.

Sincerely

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DPA-12

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I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

I am a Lyneham resident and frequent user of Lyneham Oval and the adjoining paths, as well as a frequent visitor to Lyneham shops. I love living in Lyneham. I cannot think of anything further from the interests of the local community than allowing the paving of paradise because Brindabella Christian College (BCC) have put up an illegal parking lot.

Reviewing the background papers and documents for consultation makes clear that the underlying argument for the amendment and possible future development application is that "the continued provision of parking in this locality is [considered] fundamental to the operation of the School". Well may that appear true to BCC, but it is no basis upon which to approve an amendment to the Territory Plan.

Subsequent statements that "the proposal demonstrates coordination between [BCC] and the Territory to ensure the delivery of government priorities whilst implementing principles of good planning and alignment with relevant strategies" undermines the concepts of inter-organisational coordination, 'government priorities', 'good planning' and 'alignment with relevant strategies'. This proposed amendment to the Territory Plan reflects coordination only in the sense that the Territory Government is now tacitly supporting illegal land uses. BCC have illegally used public land for parking without development approval, by breaching sub-lease conditions and contravening the zoning of the Territory Plan. This state of affairs has existed in some shape since 2006. I also note that the sealed carpark from c. 2016 has had a number of safety deficiencies noted by ACAT, which invites liability risk for BCC and for Territory Government.

The 'supporting' assessments against the ACT Planning Context make a mockery of a number of government priorities. In the first instance, BCC constructed a building on their previous carpark in 2009 using Commonwealth Government funding. The subsequent impact to parking led them to approach ACT Sport and Recreation and be granted a 20-year sub-lease on the part of Lyneham Oval adjoining BCC for peppercorn rent. I am yet to read that "Loss of greenspace and public recreational space for the interests of a private organisation" are a government priority. Likewise, I would be disturbed that a Territory Government would agree to set the precedent of legalising illegal development (in this instance, commencing the process through an amendment to the Territory Plan with a view to a post-hoc development application) - a move that does not accord with better regulation of land use. It beggars belief that this illegal carpark represents consistency with the Statement of Planning Priorities 2025-2028 through the "enhancement of community infrastructure to meet growing population demand by providing publicly accessible and available carparking" when those priorities write instead of "improving the quality, productivity and design of the built environment" whilst "protecting environmental values", enhancing "sustainability, biodiversity and resilience", and "improving livability, affordability and environmental performance".

At the core of the Major Plan Amendment submission prepared on BCC's behalf is the untested and unsourced argument that the car park "reduces traffic congestion and parking pressures in the area". Not only has this been found to be false by ACAT, but the notion that a carpark (especially a free one) can reduce congestion and parking pressures in the area is widely debunked. Carparks, and car infrastructure generally, act to induce demand for the driving of private vehicles. In this case, that means that people who otherwise would have used other means to reach BCC, such as active or public transport, would be more inclined to drive and park on the illegal carpark for drop off and pickup. Reducing car parking has the opposite effect - it discourages driving and encourages use of the many other safe options that already exist by improving the conditions for those options. For example, the constant flow of cars along Brigalow Street and into the carpark entrance makes using the paths and crossings converging on Lyneham's schools and local shops more dangerous. This 'traffic evaporation', contrary to the arguments made in the submission, is a well-documented phenomenon.

I cannot rathom how the submission could in good faith claim to "improve accessibility to the School". I note that Lyneham and O'Connor are two of the suburbs with the highest bicycle commuting rate in the ACT and the country. BCC is accessible by 5 public bus routes as well as school busses. Lyneham also has a well-supported bicycle bus for local students which travels past BCC enroute to Lyneham PS. Fewer cars endangering riders of all ages and holding up those busses would make the school and district far more accessible than continuing to feed the line of cars which back up along Ginninderra Drive, Ellenborough Street, Mouat Street and Brigalow Street during school drop-off and pick-up hours. Funneling these cars to "a single formal drop-off and pick-up point" actually materially worsens rather than improves the experience for those both in and outside of cars.

The submission claims that the existence of the illegal carpark "provides a net positive impact to the Livable Canberra theme of the ACT Planning Strategy (2018)". Living on and next to busy roads and carparks is generally not considered a positive factor in livability calculations. On the contrary - their absence is generally considered to be a positive factor, especially where reduced traffic and quieter streets enables easy access to green space and recreation areas. The statement that the "removal of the facility will arguably detract from the livability of the locality" seems to be predicated on the false assumption that removing the carpark will somehow worsen traffic in the area. This fails to account for any alternate, non-carpark uses that the Territory Government, through ACT Sport and Recreation or otherwise, could make for this parcel of land.

The submission spectacularly fails to address any sustainability and resilience principles, instead claiming not to "detract from the sustainability and resilience of the locality". On the contrary, the current level of traffic generated from the presence of the illegal carpark invites significant air pollution, noise and damage to those same roads. This also impacts the conservation of the local environment, and has impacts to the climate of the area through heat island effects as well as global climate change through the use of emissions-intensive vehicles and construction.

Approving the proposed amendment to the Territory Plan would enable an illegal and dangerous act which already materially reduces the accessibility, livability and sustainability of Lyneham and is contrary to government priorities and planning strategies. On these grounds, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham

Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan. As a local resident in Lewin Street, adjacent to the illegal Brigalow Street car park, it is inconceivable that a reasonable Planning Authority, confronted by a **clear planning breach** would accept an amendment to that breach prior to legal proceedings being finalised.

A leaseback agreement between the BCC and a sub-department of the ACT Government - in this case ACT Sports and Recreation - allowed public parkland to be stolen by a school. This lease did not go to public consultation. The parkland was hastily covered in bitumen.

What is also unbelievable is that, currently, our Planning Authority would **accept** a Draft Plan Amendment for consideration before the appeal process finished. It's as if the BCC wants a positive decision from you, the planning authority before the courts reject the BCC appeal and find the original ACAT decision stands. (Am I wrong?)

If the draft amendment is approved before the appeal process is handed down, and ACAT's decision stands, it sets a terrible legal precedent for future planning proposals where lawyers could argue that what was good for the Brindabella Christian College is good for their future unscrupulous developer clients. It creates a **rod for your own backs**.

The Car Park is green space oval. The car park has made access to the BCC and schools around it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians and motorists.

If the car park has to remain (for the short term) The Brindabella Christian College should be paying a hefty fee to the ACT Community Development grants fund for the breach and inconvenience to the ACT and residents of Old Lyneham North East quadrant.

In the medium term (say in the next 3-5 years) the BCC should be ordered to scale down its student quota to 300 once more and be allocated the existing small Oval Car park adjacent to the illegal one, for drop off and pick up. The current illegal

carpark should revert to green space as per order by ACAT.

Also, I trust the Public Servants that sneaked the original proposal through have been investigated.

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I strongly disagree with this proposed amendment because to implement it would deprive North Canberra of very valuable open space for recreation. It would also reward past illegal activity by a profit motivated private business.

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**Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team,

Together with my wife, I have lived right next to the Lyneham oval (separated only by a small block of units) for 23 years. Our now adult-age daughter attended Lyneham Primary School and then Lyneham High School. The oval was and is an incredibly valuable resource to me and my family providing open space in what is increasingly becoming the crowded environment of North Canberra.

If you are not familiar with the ‘oval’ it is far from just a sports playing ground but because of its size, its openness and its views across to Black Mountain, it has a spiritual dimension best appreciated on a clear night when it seems to make the very curvature of the Earth palpable.

The three of us are strongly against the passing of DPA-12. We also disagree with some of the judgements made in the public consultation version of the Draft Major Plan Amendment.

The car park that has been constructed by BCC should in our view be demolished and the space returned to the same open space as the rest of the oval. To do so would make Canberra more sustainable and resilient in compliance with the five themes of the ACT Planning Strategy. This would also make Canberra more liveable, again in compliance with the five themes. As apartments rise along the Northbourne Avenue corridor the occupants of those apartments need ready access to open space for recreation and renewal, and the oval provides that space.

The car park does not alleviate traffic and parking congestion but on the contrary adds enormously to it and creates serious safety risks for students of BCC and members of the public.

It is important to understand BCC’s business model. It offers moderate cost non-government schooling to families largely in Gungahlin who can drop off their children on the way to work in Civic. This creates a traffic choke point in narrow streets adding to traffic delays and pollution. In other words, the school is really in the wrong location, and is the product of an expansionist business model backed up by extensive

advertising and dubious business practices, for example claiming Charnwood as a separate campus rather than a separate school simply to lock in preferential levels of Australian government funding.

As best as I can determine BCC has around 800 students at its Lyneham campus and employs 74 full time employees and 70 part time and 35 casual employees. The draft major plan amendment refers to the carpark as having 130 vehicles at peak periods. Let's hope this does not include the vehicles of driving age students, which would be manifestly unjust, but even so it is hard to see why ACT Open Space land should be used to provide parking for staff of BCC, a private for profit business, when Lyneham Primary school staff have no provision for their parking.

It is clear and understood that BCC presents a problem for the ACT government which does not want the school to close or even significantly reduce its student population because those students would be entitled to schooling in already over-stretched ACT government schools. BCC has the ACT government over a barrel, let's be honest.

But it would be galling to see the ACT Government reward the illegal creation of a car park by a change to the zoning of the land. Please don't do it, and in the process give away forever valuable Inner North open space.

Yours sincerely

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To concentrate on the environmental impacts

It will undermine the ACT Active Travel Goals in Lyneham

The ACT Government's Active Travel Plan 2024–2030 aimed to prioritize walking, cycling, and public transport. This proposal does the opposite by formalizing vehicle infrastructure on land designated for community use. Legitimizing this site rewards a decade of non-compliance and encourages long-term traffic congestion rather than sustainable transport solutions for the neighborhood. Already we have congestion. Fatal accidents have been recorded concerning SUVs and pedestrians.

Environmental Hostility of Sealed Surfaces. Contrary to claims by the School, it was never a dust bowl.

Replacing natural grass with an expansive tarred surface has been environmentally regressive.

Asphalt surfaces can reach temperatures about 10–16°C higher than surrounding vegetation [2]. In a warming climate, converting "green lungs" into heat-absorbing blocks increases local ambient temperatures. Permeability and Runoff: Unlike grass, which absorbs and filters rainwater, a sealed bitumen surface creates significant stormwater runoff. This increases the load on local drainage systems and carries pollutants directly into the Lyneham wetland ecosystem [3].

Loss of Ecosystem Services: Grass and soil provide natural cooling through evapotranspiration. A permanent carpark permanently removes these essential ecological benefits from the Lyneham Section 41 precinct.

Tactical Compliance vs. Strategic Benefit

This amendment is a tactical "fix" for a single proponent's compliance issues. It offers no strategic benefit to the Lyneham community. Urban open space (PRZ1) is a finite resource. Sacrificing it for a carpark is a poor trade-off that ignores the long-term planning needs of a densifying suburb. Between financial years FY-21 and FY-25, a total of 614 homes were approved in Lyneham, with an additional 51 approvals recorded so far in FY-26. The suburb has averaged approximately 122 new dwelling approvals per year, with significant multi-unit developments, such as the 40-dwelling proposal and the long-term [Yowani Country Club redevelopments], contributing to the area's increasing housing density

Alternatives.

The school has blundered and its neighbours should not have to pick up the bill. Suggestions are

* Off-Site Agreements: Negotiating the use of the nearby Saint Ninian's Uniting Church car park or the Lyneham Hockey Centre

* On-Site Solutions: Constructing a multi-deck or basement car park within the school's existing leased footprint.

* Traffic Management: Implementing staggered start times and improved "kiss-and-drop" zones to reduce peak congestion.

* Active Travel: Serious effort to increasing student use of buses, cycling, and walking to lower the overall demand for parking spaces.

* Shuttle Services: Running shuttles from larger, underused parking areas nearby to the school eg Southwell Park's Thurbon Road.

I urge the Authority to reject DPA-12 and require the restoration of this land to its intended state as high-quality urban open space.

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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –

Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

As a resident of Lyneham for over 25 years and one who thoroughly appreciates the open spaces provided for community enjoyment, I am strongly opposed to the permanent carpark developed illegally on public land by Brindabella Christian College and urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan legitimising its permanence at the expense of public space.

The land in question was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT Government gave approval for BCC to build over the carpark within its own block. That should never have been allowed to happen. Since then the conditions of the sub-lease have never been met, and yet the ACT Government has taken no action.

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The amendment DPA-12 only seeks to address the zoning issue in the most minimal way possible. No information has been provided to give the community confidence that any of the other issues will be resolved.

The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block in the report supporting DPA-12 are totally inadequate. The only real justification put forward is that the carpark has been there, first informally and then illegally sealed, since 2006. The argument offered is "It's being used by the school and therefore it may as well be made legal".

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Thus the MPA must first establish the need for a carpark on this block relative to its underlying zoning of public open space. In this regard the ACAT process clearly found that the carpark was built by the BCC for its own use because it had built over the carpark on its own land - it was never intended or needed for ancillary parking for the adjacent neighbourhood oval.

The MPA needs to justify with evidence its untested claim that removing the car park would displace these vehicles onto surrounding streets, increasing congestion and risk to children being dropped off at school without a dedicated facility. In this analysis it must also examine alternative options for transport of children to and from school and for staff parking.

The MPA makes the false claim that 'parking provision for Brindabella Christian College aligns with the Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools' by providing 'sufficient off-street parking and dedicated pick-up/set-down areas'.

In fact, the Guide says (p. 15)

- short-term parking, usually for the purpose of dropping off children in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon, should ideally be located away from the main entrances used by students who walk, cycle or travel by bus in order to minimise traffic congestion and reduce safety risks. In practice this never existed with the result that many drivers dropping off or picking up students from Brindabella Christian College are making a 'Rat-Run' through the nearby subdivisional roads generating periods of intense traffic on roads never designed for that level of traffic use.

- long-term parking should only be provided on school grounds as often there is competition with surrounding land uses for parking spaces on public roads.

ACAT found that the carpark, as an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with relevant standards and thus had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.

If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for public land in the ACT, literally 'Green Lighting' any business that starts using public land informally or obtains a sub-lease, but does what it wants on the land, anticipating that after a few years the ACT Government will come to your rescue and legitimize all your failures and theirs by changing the zoning.

Construction of a car park without development approval is a criminal act. If the amendment is adopted, it will reward criminal behaviour. What other crime is left unpunished and the perpetrators rewarded? Residents can receive significant fines for illegally parking their vehicles on the verge adjoining their property. Why is a privately owned education facility not similarly liable?

This situation has only arisen due to the failure of the government to uphold its laws.

It should have terminated the sub-lease when it became apparent it was being breached. It should never have allowed the construction of the illegal car park. It should have held BCC to the enrolment limits imposed in 2016.

It should have taken action to protect the community instead of leaving it up to a community organisation to take action in ACAT to force it to act.

The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open Space means. It's time the government protected local communities and our open spaces.

Urban Open Space is for community, not school car parks.

Reject the proposed amendment DPA-12.

Sincerely,

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I am opposed to the approval of draft plan amendment 12 (Brindabella Christian College car park, Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23).

It is established fact that the car park—which is already in situ—was built not only illegally but with a reckless disregard for legal obligations. This application now attempts to regularise wilful, deliberate illegality. Whatever merits it might have in the abstract, this must not be permitted. To do so would be a mockery of the law, an insult to everyone who makes a good faith attempt to comply with it, and would border on “exercise of the public official’s functions as a public official in a way that is not honest or is not impartial” under section 9(b)(i) of the Integrity Commission Act 2018.

The application must be rejected, and Brindabella Christian College must be required to undo and make good its unlawful alterations to public land. Only then ought any discussion of a plan variation to be entertained.

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Written comments on the [Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park \(DPA-12\)](#)

The draft amendment should not be made as it rewards illegal behaviour. According to the supporting report, the Brindabella Christian College (BCC) car park has been in use since 2006 and was sealed in 2016 without going through a Development Application process. In November 2023, ACAT found the car park lacked planning approval and was inconsistent with the relevant zoning.¹

BCC Lyneham campus enrolments have increased from 613 in 2015 to 1167 in 2024,² a 90% increase. Overall student numbers in the ACT increased from 71,917 in the 18 February 2015 Census to 82,654 in the 9 February 2024 Census, a 15% increase.³ It seems unlikely that the increase was driven by an equivalent increase in demand for school places in the ACT. Instead, BCC increased its enrolments and presumably revenue dramatically while using an illegal car park.

It would be helpful to compare data on enrolments, classroom capacity and revenue from 2006 to the present, but I was unable to find it. This data should have been published as supporting material for this consultation by the ACT Government. Or the ACT Government should have required that the supporting report include that data.

Despite increasing enrolments out of step with overall ACT enrolments, BCC's former operators managed to send themselves into receivership, among other things. Why should they be rewarded for their behaviour?

BCC Lyneham should be required to reduce their enrolments to a more sustainable level or significant works should be undertaken to better manage traffic in the area. During school drop off and pick up times, Brigalow Street is clogged with cars. At times, the congestion extends to Muoat Street. BCC traffic is addition to traffic for Lyneham Primary School (LPS).

My kids have to cross either the entry/exit of the illegal car park or Longstaff Street, which doesn't have a crossing guard or pedestrian crossing. Lots of other kids have to do the same.

Many parents are understandably in a hurry to get their kids to school so they can go to work. I've seen BCC drivers speed across a lane of traffic to take advantage of a gap and have to slam on their brakes to stop hitting children who are crossing the entry/exit of the illegal car park. The children are also distracted and don't always look properly.

Changes to the car park entry/exit have helped but it's still dangerous. In the absence of better traffic management, the car park should be closed and BCC Lyneham forced to reduce their enrolments. BCC could be given a year or two to slowly reduce enrolments, to ease the impact on students and their families.

If the amendment is approved, BCC should be required to fund better traffic management. Alternatively or in addition, BCC should be made to fund better traffic management that keeps children and drivers separate. A priority should be the construction of a barrier on Brigalow Street that prevents cars heading north from turning into the car park across a lane of traffic,

¹ https://www.planning.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/3028323/supporting-report.pdf

² https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/2205814/EDU_2023_007_Record.pdf,
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³ https://www.data.act.gov.au/Education/Census-data-portal/dfp9-87s8/about_data.

and prevents cars leaving the carpark from turning right across a lane of traffic. That would add to safety considerably by reducing pressure on drivers, and may reduce congestion by promoting a steadier flow of traffic.

Another possibility would be to construct a new road that runs alongside Sullivan's Creek and joins Mouat Street directly to the rear of BCC Lyneham. This would add to congestion on Mouat Street, but would be safer for children. The traffic lights at Sullivan's Creek and Mouat Street and at Brindabella and Mouat Streets could be adjusted to provide opportunities for drivers leaving the carpark to turn on to Mouat Street. They should only be able to turn left on to Mouat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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I oppose Draft Plan Amendment DPA-12.

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Submission re Draft Major Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan 12

I am writing to oppose the planned amendment to formalise parking space for Brindabella Christian College (BCC).

1. Rewarding Brindabella Christian College for poor planning, management and compliance.

This amendment would not only legitimise the illegal car park on Urban Open Space. It would in essence reward BCC for doing the wrong thing over a considerable period of time. I assume that when BCC received approval to establish a college on the site, it was required to provide adequate parking for teachers and staff. Where is that parking space now, that BCC needs to take space from Lyneham Oval for parking? Is it a fact that BCC has converted previously designated parking space into buildings to accommodate increased student numbers? All the more reason not to allow it to appropriate open space for parking.

2. Traffic Congestion on major streets

In the 10 years I have lived in Lyneham I have seen evidence of BCC's attempts to increase student numbers in Lyneham and develop another campus. It is inconsistent with both the current and projected future density of population in Lyneham to increase student numbers in such a poorly located facility. Student drop-off for BCC blocks a major thoroughfare (Mouat Street). Lyneham is already well served by public primary and high schools which do not create traffic problems. If anything, the Department of Education should encourage BCC to reduce student numbers to alleviate traffic problems.

3. Open Space and the Environment

To permanently turn this space into an asphalted heat sink appears contrary to all principles of modern urban planning. With the increase in population density, Lyneham will need even more open space, trees and nature. Stormwater runoff into Sullivan's Creek and Lyneham Wetlands can already be serious, and many parts of Lyneham have suffered flooding. Any alienation of existing open space will contribute to already existing problems, while increase in open space will assist in reducing urban heating and rainfall runoff.

4. Active Travel

Without knowing exact demographics, it is safe to assume that many if not most of BCC's students reside outside the Lyneham Primary and High School catchment areas and most if not all are transported to school by private car. ACT Government's Active Travel Plan 2024–2030 aimed to prioritize walking, cycling, and public transport. This proposal does the opposite, not only by formalizing vehicle infrastructure on land designated for community use, but also by disadvantaging and indeed endangering students and parents who walk or cycle to Lyneham Primary School or other destinations. Both Mouat and Brigalow Streets are clogged around 9am and 3pm with often large vehicles picking up children from BCC. Again this proposal rewards BCC for its failure to respect the community where it is located.

5. Lack of Community Benefit

This amendment may fix a single proponent's compliance issues. It offers no strategic benefit to the Lyneham community or the ACT generally. Urban open space (PRZ1) is a finite resource. Sacrificing it for a carpark ignores the long-term planning needs of a densifying suburb. Between financial years FY-21 and FY-25, a total of 614 homes were approved in Lyneham, with an additional 51 approvals recorded so far in FY-26. The suburb has averaged approximately 122 new dwelling approvals per year, with significant multi-unit developments, such as the 40-dwelling proposal and the long-term [Yowani Country Club redevelopments], contributing to the area's increasing housing density. More open space is needed, not less.

6. Alternative Solutions

This proposal does not identify what, if any, alternative options BCC has considered to accommodate staff parking, and indeed what other efforts BCC is taking to reduce both need for this carpark and to address the current congestion caused by student drop-offs.

Possible alternative solutions include:

- *Off-Site Leasing Agreements: Use of the nearby Saint Ninian's Uniting Church car park or the Lyneham Hockey Centre

- * On-Site Solutions: Construction of a multi-deck or basement car park within the school's existing leased footprint.

- * Traffic Management: Implementing staggered start times and improved "kiss-and-drop" zones to reduce peak congestion.

- * Active Travel 1: Serious effort to increase staff use of cycling, walking and public transport to lower the overall demand for parking spaces.

- * Active Travel 2: Incentives to preference students from within a reasonable catchment area, to encourage student use of cycling, walking and public transport.

- * Shuttle Services: Running shuttles from larger, underused parking areas nearby to the school e.g. Southwell Park's Thurbon Road.

I urge the Authority to reject the Draft Major Plan Amendment and require the restoration of this land to its intended state as high-quality urban open space.



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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

Please reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

My understanding is that the land was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT Government gave approval for BCC to build over the carpark within its own block. As recognised at the time (e.g. Canberra Times) this should never have been allowed to happen. The conditions of the sub-lease have never been met - but the ACT Government has not taken any action.

I follow and support the Lyneham Community Association's action in ACAT in 2023 against the ACT Government's failure to take action against many safety and planning issues with this carpark, all parties (including BCC) agreed that the car park built by BCC in 2016 was constructed illegally as it had no development approval, breached the conditions of the sub-lease over the site, and contravened the Territory Plan zoning.

The amendment DPA-12 only seeks to address the zoning issue in the most minimal way possible. No information has been provided to give the community confidence that any of the other issues will be resolved. The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block in the report supporting DPA-12 are totally inadequate. The only real justification put forward is that the carpark has been there, first informally and then illegally sealed, since 2006. The argument offered is "It's being used by the school and therefore it may as well be made legal".

However, section 215 of the Planning Act 2023 in relation to development applications for development undertaken without approval points out in subsection (3) that 'the Territory Planning Authority must treat the application for development approval as if the development was not undertaken.' It must assess the development solely on its own merits relative to the state of the land that existed before the unapproved development occurred. In this case, relative to its former use as public open space.

While this provision relates to development approvals, as this Major Plan Amendment (MPA) proposal is clearly the preliminary stage to a proposed DA for this carpark the MPA should be treated in the same way.

Thus the MPA must first establish the need for a carpark on this block relative to its underlying zoning of public open space. In this regard the ACAT process clearly found that the carpark was built by the BCC for its own use because it had built over the carpark on its own land - **it was never intended or needed for ancillary parking** for the adjacent neighbourhood oval.

The MPA needs to justify with evidence its untested claim that removing the car park would displace these vehicles onto surrounding streets, increasing congestion and risk to children being dropped off at school without a dedicated facility. In this analysis it must also examine alternative options for transport of children to and from school and for staff parking.

The MPA makes the false claim that 'parking provision for Brindabella Christian College aligns with the Traffic Management & Safety: A Practical Guide for Schools' by providing 'sufficient off-street parking and dedicated pick-up/set-down areas'.

In fact, the Guide says (p. 15)

- short-term parking, usually for the purpose of dropping off children in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon, should ideally be located away from the main entrances used by students who walk, cycle or travel by bus in order to minimise traffic congestion and reduce safety risks.
- long-term parking should only be provided on school grounds as often there is competition with surrounding land uses for parking spaces on public roads.

ACAT found that the carpark, as an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with relevant standards and thus had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.

If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for public land in the ACT. If your business starts using public land informally or obtains a sub-lease, but does what it wants on the land, after a few years the ACT Government will come to your rescue and legitimize all your failures and theirs by changing the zoning.

Construction of a car park without development approval **is a criminal act**. If the amendment is adopted, it will reward criminal behaviour. What other crime is left unpunished and the perpetrators rewarded?

This situation has only arisen due to the failure of the government to uphold its laws. It should have terminated the sub-lease when it became apparent it was being breached.

It should never have allowed the construction of the illegal car park. It should have held BCC to the enrolment limits imposed in 2016.

It should have taken action to protect the community instead of leaving it up to a community organisation to take action in ACAT to force it to act.

The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open Space means. It's time the government protected local communities and our open spaces. Urban Open Space is for community, not school car parks.

The proposed amendment DPA-12 should be rejected on the above grounds

Sincerely

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**Draft Plan Amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park -
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan. My husband and I regularly use the Lyneham oval and surrounding areas for walking, and for exercising our dog, and have done so for many years. Many other people who live locally similarly make good use of this public green space. The space is large, but well-used and valued by many local residents as a community green space.

We were very disappointed when cars started to be parked on part of the public green space, and shocked when BCC sealed over this public area as a car park for themselves, without Planning approval.

The land in question was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT Government gave approval for BCC to build over the carpark within its own block. That should never have been allowed to happen. Since then the conditions of the sub-lease have never been met, and yet the ACT Government has taken no action.

Prior to the Lyneham Community Association's action in ACAT in 2023 against the ACT Government's failure to take action against the numerous safety and planning issues with this carpark, all parties (including BCC) agreed that the car park built by BCC in 2016 was constructed illegally as it had no development approval, breached the conditions of the sub-lease over the site, and contravened the

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The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block in the report supporting DPA-12 are totally inadequate. The only real justification put forward is that the carpark has been there, first informally and then illegally sealed, since 2006. The argument offered is "It's being used by the school and therefore it

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Yours truly

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Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

The oval is precious public space for the people of Lyneham. We walk and play there and meet our friends and neighbours there. We should not have to dodge traffic caused by this school. Brigalow street is narrow and the large school car parking lot creates an unnecessary hazard for locals with streams of cars going in and out.

The current setup gives enormous favour to the “fly- in fly-out” parents from outer suburbs to drop off their children. This creates substantial traffic congestion and pedestrian danger in the neighbourhood. The other local schools, Lyneham Primary and Lyneham High do not have enormous and dedicated car parking lots.

We should not favour this deceptive and self-entitled business over local resident interest and wellbeing.

There is plenty of public transport in the area: Bus 50 goes right past the door and buses 51, R9 and light rail are within a short walk. If needed a separate school bus could be negotiated.

I urge the ACT Government to reject the private car parking lot and return the space to local use.

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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan, for the following reasons:

- The car park was illegally built without development approval, breaches the sublease over the site and contravenes the zoning under the Territory Plan. Construction of a carpark without development approval is a criminal act in the ACT>
- ACAT found that the carpark, as an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with relevant standards and thus had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.
- If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for land acquisition by illegal means across public land in the ACT.
- The matter is under consideration by the Supreme Court of the ACT. At a minimum, any decision should be deferred until the Court's ruling is handed down.

Yours sincerely

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Please don't allow The Draft Major Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan, Ref 12:
Brindabella Christian College car park Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23

Brindabella Christian College (BCC) constructed an unauthorised, sealed car park on the northern end of Block 23 Section 41 in Lyneham, this is public land, zoned as PRZ1 Urban Open Space. This type of development is explicitly prohibited on the site.

At an Administrative Review (AT 55/2023), the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) ruled in 2023 that the car park is a prohibited development, requiring it to be closed and the site rehabilitated¹. The new owners of Brindabella Christian College, were made aware of the car park's illegal history, the ongoing legal case, and Brindabella Christian College's other relevant development breaches.

Changing planning law to allow a previously illegal development to be permissible is likely considered retroactive law. It opens the door for developers to deliberately contravene our planning legislation, seek forgiveness via an amendment, and then be rewarded. This shouldn't be treated as a regular Draft Plan Amendment, it should be carefully scrutinised by the ACT Legislative Assembly. Especially because the illegal activity was willful and deliberate².

The ACT Government should do what they know is right: A private car park that services a private school is obviously not an ethical or legal development on this site, this is protected urban open green space.

ACT Government - Please keep our community safe, uphold our environmental and planning legislation, and do the right thing now.

¹ ACAT Reasons for Decision (AT 55/2023), please see link below:

https://www.acat.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/2390799/LYNEHAM-COMMUNITY-ASSOCIATION-INC-v-ACT-PLANNING-AND-LAND-AUTHORITY-and-ORS-Administrative-Review-2024-ACAT-16.pdf

² ACAT Reasons for Decision (AT 55/2023), Paragraph number 101 to 114.

The Brindabella Car Park development was a deliberate and reckless contravention of our Planning legislation and it sets a dangerous precedent.

- Brindabella Christian College (BCC) constructed an unauthorised, sealed car park on the northern end of Block 23 Section 41 in Lyneham, this is public land, zoned as PRZ1 Urban Open Space. This type of development is explicitly prohibited on the site.
- The Lyneham Oval is a highly protected piece of public land, with what is known as an 'Pe - overlay' applied - Overlays protect significant parcels of public land in the ACT, like our National Parks (Pb - Overlay) and Wilderness Areas (Pa - Overlay). Overlays require strict Management Plans, and impose heightened custodial responsibilities on the ACT Government.
- The Brindabella car park is an illegal development activity, the developers deliberately and recklessly breached ACTs planning laws. Approving this amendment would set a dangerous precedent, suggesting that developers can:
 1. Deliberately violate planning laws.
 2. Seek retroactive approval, made possible via an amendment.
 3. Be rewarded with permanent changes to the law.

Evidence:

Please read B23 S41 Lyneham Controlled Activity Order Application, lodged December 2022 (ACAT Exhibit A1), and the ACAT Reasons for Decision (AT 55/2023). If you don't have time to read all the evidence please, prioritize paragraphs 101 to 114 (pages 35–40) of the ACAT Reasons for Decision, which outline the core legal considerations.

Figure 1: Extract from The ACAT 55/2023 Reasons for Decision, paragraph number 111.

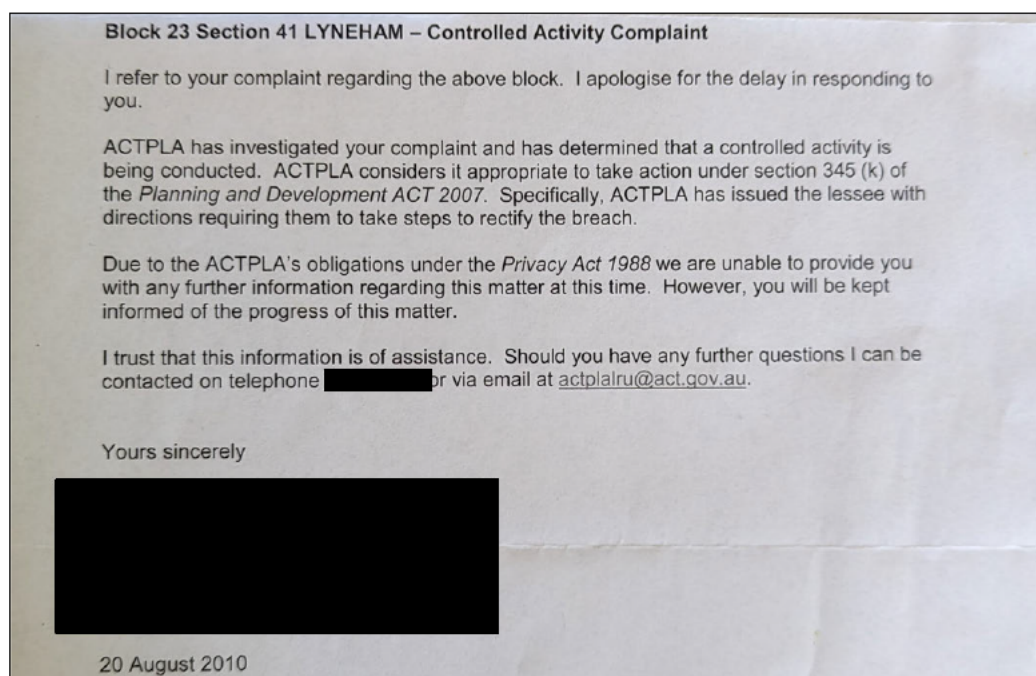
111. The fact that the contravention of the planning laws was deliberate or reckless rather than inadvertent is relevant. There is a clear public interest in discouraging persons who may wish to undertake a development from seeking to circumvent the planning laws to achieve their development objectives. However, the Tribunal also sees this as a second order consideration.

There has been a long history of community concern against the car park:

The community opposition and community distress caused by this car park development dates back decades, and has often been made directly to the Legislative Assembly or ACTPLA.

- A Petition to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 2015, Petition No 9-15 - *'Lyneham—urban open space'*, signed by 1,553 ACT residents.
- A Petition to ACT Legislative Assembly in 2023, E-PET-004-23 - *'Stop Private Car Parks on Protected Public Green Open Spaces'*, signed by 1,134 ACT Residents.
- A Petition to ACT Legislative Assembly in 2022, E-PET-007-22 - *'Safe active travel to school in Lyneham'*, signed by 613 ACT Residents.
- Please also see extensive public comments and representations against BCCs use of public land as a car park, and the dangers of the car park, submitted in response to development applications DA201629628, DA201446227 (withdrawn) and DA201426427.
- Most alarmingly, a local resident alerted the ACT Government of the car park being a Controlled Activity in 2009, to which the ACTPLA responded in 2010, in agreement that the car park was in breach, and considered it to be a Controlled Activity. ACTPLA directed the lessee (Brindabella Christian College) to rectify the breach, ACTPLA said they would take action against the contravention, but never did.

Figure 2 - ACTPLA response to Local Resident, August 2010



A car park on this site is utterly inconsistent with four out of the five key themes of the ACTs new Planning Strategy, specifically:

- **Sustainable and Resilient Territory:** The car park exacerbates the impacts of climate change by directly contributing to urban surface temperature warming of our suburb. It reduces our local resilience to the effects of climate change, and directly degrades living infrastructure (specifically a designated public green space). Block 23, section 41 already has the hottest land surface temperature in Lyneham, as per a 2017 CSIRO Study. Car Parks are the leading cause of urban warming, via the Urban Heat Island Effect. It is incredibly irresponsible to amend the Territory Plan to allow a car park as an eligible development on this site.
- The car park also brings between 600-1000 additional cars to the area³, contributing to air and noise pollution and undermining ACTs goals for a carbon-neutral future. The school is well serviced by public transport, and in the 2023 ACAT 55/2023, ACAT recommended that Brindabella Christian College (BCC) pursue safer transport alternatives, such as shuttle buses and public transport⁴.
- **Liveable Canberra:** The community have made it very clear, through complaints, petitions and objections, that this car park currently undermines the quality of life in Lyneham, it reduces access to social infrastructure, and vibrant public spaces, disrupts access to safe streets for cyclists, pedestrians and children, and undermines the general amenity and livability of our suburb⁵.
- **Accessible Canberra:** This car park is dangerous, it disrupts an ACT Safe Active Travel Route to school, and makes it unsafe to walk/cycle in the area, especially for our youngest and most vulnerable residents.
- **Compact and Efficient City:** The car park design and location, as well as the unchecked rapid expansion of enrollments brings 600 to 1000 daily cars to the area⁶, reducing efficiency and disrupting the public bus routes and active travel, with impacts stretching to Mouat Street⁷.
- The Witness Statement from [REDACTED] the Chair of the Lyneham Primary School Board for ACAT 55/2023 has relevant testimony regarding public transport disruption, and reduction of communities access to community public green space - Exhibit A6, an extract is available in paragraph 29 of the Reasons for Decisions document.

³ ACAT 55/2023 Reasons for Decision, paragraph 5, BCCs estimated traffic to the car park

⁴ ACAT 55/2023 Reasons for Decision, paragraph number 107 to 114.

⁵ Please see the three relevant Petitions to ACT Legislative Assembly, ACAT AT 55/2023 case

⁶ Paragraph Number 5 in ACAT AT 55/2023 decision reasons

⁷ Please read B23 S41 Lyneham Controlled Activity Order Application, lodged December 2022, and BCCs own evidence in ACAT AT 55/2023.

The Car Park is dangerous, especially for the local public school children who walk and cycle to Lyneham Primary School:

- A car park at this site presents an unacceptable safety risk. It is well-documented that it endangers pedestrians, cyclists, and young children walking to school.^{8 9}
- The car park directly obstructs an ACT Government-designated 'Safe Active Travel to School Route,' placing children at significant and avoidable risk.¹⁰
- In the 2023 Review, ACAT recognised that a car park is not a safe development for this site. In his decision to classify the car park as a 'Controlled Activity,' Member Orlov issued scathing remarks regarding the dangers that the car park posed. ACAT further recommended that Brindabella Christian College (BCC) pursue safer transport alternatives, such as shuttle buses and public transport¹¹.
- Evidence submitted during the ACAT review highlighted a series of alarming incidents, including:
 - **Intentional Aggression:** Reports of a driver deliberately accelerating and swerving toward families on Brigalow Street.
 - **Targeting Minors:** An incident where a driver accelerated and braked suddenly to intimidate a child at the BCC driveway crossing (reported to then-Principal [REDACTED])
 - **Frequent Near-Misses:** Multiple accounts of vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians and cyclists at the BCC driveway. These incidents have been reported to Access Canberra and the Lyneham Primary P&C.
 - **Further Evidence:** Evidence from the Lyneham community is detailed in the ACAT (AT 55/2023) Reasons for Decision. I can also provide the witness statements mentioned above, and please see the B23 S41 Lyneham Controlled Activity Order Application, lodged December 2022 (ACAT Exhibit A1)

⁸ Region Media - Lyneham kids face stomach flipping journey to school due to car park placement
<<https://region.com.au/lyneham-kids-face-stomach-flipping-journey-to-school-due-to-car-park-placement/545706/>>

⁹ Petition to Legislative Assembly ' Safe Active Travel to School in Lyneham':
<<https://epetitions.parliament.act.gov.au/details/007-22>>

¹⁰ ACT Government Safe Active Route to School Lyneham
<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1258836/Lyneham-Primary.pdf>

¹¹ ACAT 55/2023 Reasons for Decision, paragraph number 107 to 114.

Figure 3: Extract from The ACAT 55/2023 Reasons for Decision, paragraph number 112.

112. The determinative consideration, in the Tribunal's view, is that the daily interaction of a large number of young children and cyclists and vehicular traffic entering and exiting the car park presents an unacceptable risk of an accident causing serious injury to a child or cyclist. The Tribunal rejects ACTPLA's submissions that "on balance, the net safety impact of the car park is positive"³⁶ and that "the current arrangement is significantly better for both child safety and traffic management"³⁷ than if the car park is closed.

Figure 4: Images showing public school children weaving through BCC traffic while walking or cycling on an ACT Governments designated: Safe Active Travel to School Route (last image was a near miss in 2023).



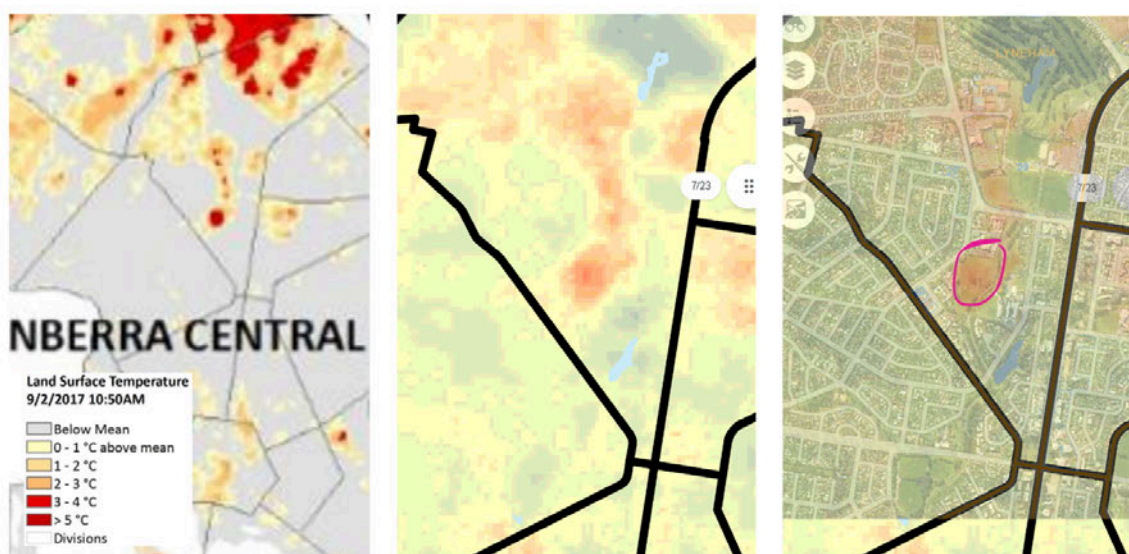
Environmental and Climate Change Impact: Urban Heat Island Effect.

In 2017 The CSIRO Conducted a mapping study of Urban Ground Temperatures in the ACT¹². The research appears to show that The Lyneham Oval (Block 23, Section 41) has the hottest land surface temperature in our entire suburb, see images below. This is the protected urban open green space that BCC have illegally built a car park on.

It is very well established in Climate Change research¹³ that car parks are one of the leading causes of localised warming, via what is known as the 'Urban Heat Island Effect'. The surface temperature for the Lyneham Oval area is already 5 degrees hotter than the mean for the ACT.

The ACT Government has directly exacerbated the impacts of climate change for residents of Lyneham, by allowing the Brindabella Christian College to build an illegal car park on this block, refusing to take action against it, and now considering amending the ACT legislation.

Figure 5: CSIRO Heat Maps 2017, and transposed on ACTMapi Basic map of Lyneham



Left: CSIRO Heat Map 2017. Note this image is less zoomed than the Middle and Right Figures, to illustrate that the Lyneham Oval (b23 s41) has the hottest land surface temperature in Lyneham.

Middle: Figure 4, Mapping surface urban heat in Canberra CSIRO 2017.

Right: Figure 4, Mapping surface urban heat in Canberra CSIRO 2017 transposed over the Basic ACTmap Map, with the Lyneham Oval (block 23 s41) circled for easy reference.

¹² CSIRO, 2017, Mapping surface urban heat in Canberra

<<https://publications.csiro.au/publications/publication/Plcsi:EP178961>>

¹³ UNSW, 2022, Despicable Urban Places: Hot Car Parks

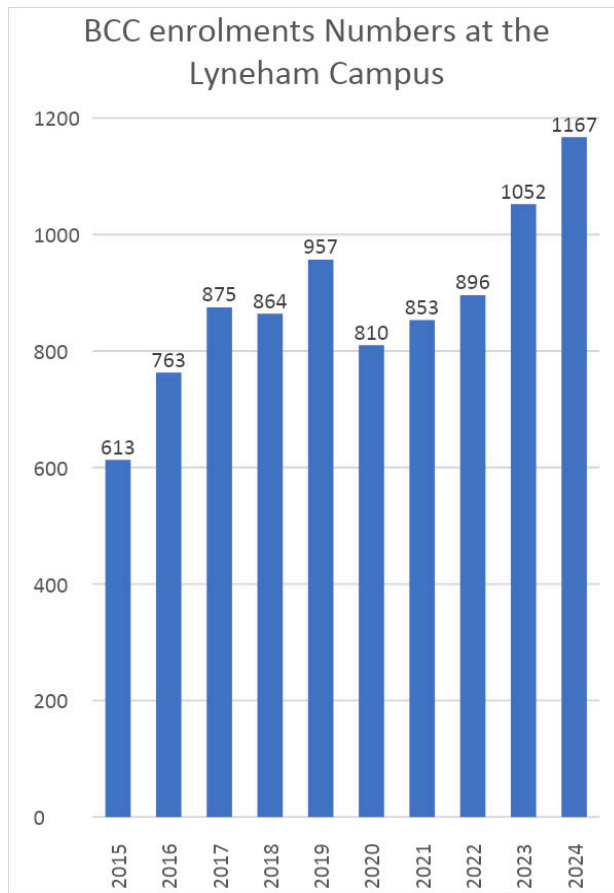
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The car park services Brindabella, not public visitors to Lyneham or the Lyneham Oval. The Lyneham Oval has, and always has had a sufficient car park.

- Visitors who drive to the Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval exclusively park in this existing car park, that is titled 'Lyneham 1 Sportsground Parking' on Google Maps and identified as the ancillary car park for the Lyneham neighbourhood sports ground. This car park adequately services the Lyneham Playing fields.
- There is **NO** history, prior to Brindabella, of cars parking on the northern end of the Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval (the BCC car park site). This is evident in aerial images which show exactly when the College built on top of their legal on-site car park, and started parking on the public land.
- The car park was designed and constructed with the clear intent to service the BCC. In the TCCS's car park design and the ACT development and planning terms, this is known as "the destination".
- Both Brindabella and TCCS / ACTPLA recognise block 21 as the 'public car park' for the playing fields, and the car park on block 23, Section 41 as 'the BCC' car park, it is even referenced as 'The BCC' Car Park in official TCCS Plans, shared in 2022/23.
- The BCC have always asserted that it is 'their' car park, in development applications, in the media, and official documentation. For over a decade there has been a large sign at the car park entrance which states "Brindabella Christian College". They have even had a history of chaining the car park entrance to prohibit public access.
- The construction of the car park on block 23, section 41 has never been a 'public works' development, it has never been for the benefit of the wider community, it's always been a car park that services the private school.
- For a full collection of evidence, please see the following sections of the B23 S41 Lyneham Controlled Activity Order Application, lodged December 2022 (ACAT Exhibit A1):
 - **Section 6.1.1** Where do visitors to the Lyneham Playing Fields park?
 - **Section 6.1.2** Why was the car park created? (ie the 'destination' of the car park)
 - **Section 6.1.3** The design provides evidence it was NOT 'public works'
 - **Section 5.** History of the site: The car park was created by and for the Brindabella Christian College School

Risk of further enrollment expansion and acquisition of even more public land.

Figure 6: BCC Enrollments at Lyneham Campus (School Census data - via FOI)



- As established at ACAT, Brindabella Christian College (BCC) has no entitlement to use public land for a car park for the primary purpose of servicing their private school, on the neighbouring block. They willfully expanded on top of their legal car park, within the grounds of their school site, and they should consider alternative and legal transport alternatives, such as public transport, active travel, and offsite shuttle services.

- In 2016, BCC lodged an application for extensive development on b4, s41 Lyneham (their legal school site). The Lyneham community and entities of ACT Government were very concerned about enrollment expansion as a result of the Development application. In their development application for

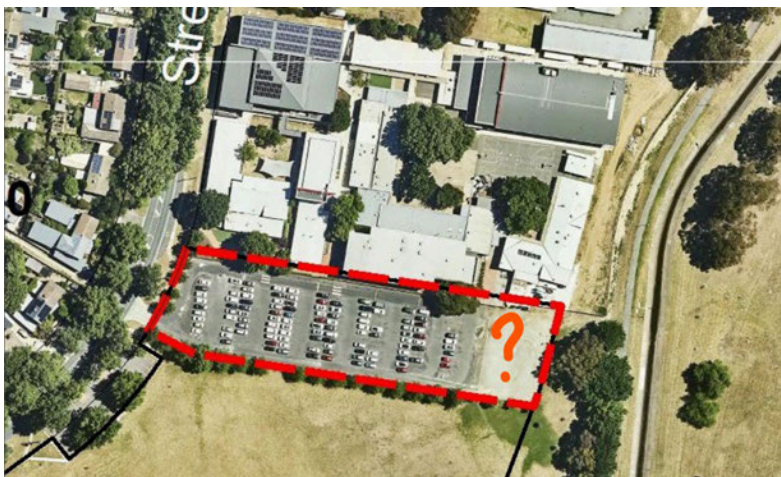
DA201629628, the BCC stated that expansion of enrolments had ceased, and assured ACTPLA and the community that the Lyneham campus was already at capacity.

- **Evidence:** Please read the B23 S41 Lyneham Controlled Activity Order Application, lodged December 2022 (ACAT Exhibit A1)
- The BCC were given strict conditions by ACTPLA, to ensure that the development would **not** lead to expanded enrollments. The BCC breached these conditions, and has prioritised enrollment growth over its legal obligations (BCC failed to remove the demonstrables and instead registered 'C-bock' as an unoccupied 'maintenance shed').
- BCC's current "dependency" on this car park is a self-inflicted crisis. It is the direct result of a deliberate strategy to expand over their existing car park, and nearly

doubling enrolments since 2015 ¹⁴—a move made in **direct contradiction** to representations made during the 2016 development approval (DA201629628) and in breach of the ACTLA conditions applied.

- The BCC Lyneham Campus is bursting, creating congestion and safety issues on the roads, and an uncomfortable experience for the students and families from Brindabella and Lyneham Primary, as well as the Lyneham community (exactly what the DA conditions were trying to prevent). The ACT Government has done nothing to address the increase in enrollments as a result of the DA conditions breaches.
- The new owners of Brindabella Christian College appear to have no intention of regulating enrollments and rectifying the breaches of the previous administration. They were made aware of the breaches, yet upon purchasing the school, the new administration immediately hung a 'Now Enrolling' banner on Brigalow St, Lyneham Campus.
- The current Amendment application appears to be seeking acquisition of **even more** public land. Please don't reward stealing public land, and breaching development conditions by giving them even more land (the vacant area to the East of the Car Park, that has traditionally been used to store BCCs rubbish and sporting equipment). See figure below. There is actually a group of local kids who wish to use this area as a Public Skate Park, which would be a permissible development on the site.

Figure 7 - Extract of map, showing cheeky extra area - in DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT to the TERRITORY PLAN 12 Brindabella Christian College car park Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23, February 2023, page 4. This could be a Skate Park!



¹⁴ ACT School Census Data - Brindabella Lyneham Campus, Available via a public FOI.

April 5, 2026

The Territory Planning Authority

Attention: Territory Plan and Coordination Section,

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**Draft Plan Amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park -
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Dear Territory Planning Team,

As a resident of Lyneham I'm writing to ask you to reject the proposed amendment DPA-12 to the Territory Plan.

Brindabella Christian College made a choice to build over their previous car park on their own land and to completely fill their site with their own buildings so there was no room for a car park. Having created a parking problem entirely of their own making, BCC then moved onto public open space as though it were simply there for the taking. And for too long, our ACT Government turned a blind eye and let them.

The land was sub-leased to BCC in 2009, following ACT Government approval to build over the car park within BCC's own block - approval that, frankly, should never have been granted. Since then, the conditions of that sub-lease have never been met, and the ACT Government has done nothing about it. It took the Lyneham Community Association going to ACAT in 2023 to force the issue into the open. At that point, BCC and all other parties acknowledged that the car park built in 2016 had no development approval, breached the sub-lease conditions, and contravened the Territory Plan zoning.

DPA-12 does the bare minimum to address just one of those three problems - the zoning - while leaving the community with no confidence that the others will ever be resolved.

The case made in the report supporting DPA-12 is, to put it plainly, inadequate. The core argument amounts to 'the car park has been there since 2006, first informally and then illegally sealed, so we may as well make it legal'. That doesn't help the Lyneham community in any way to maintain their public spaces as public spaces, it's simply an inadequate justification and the ACT government retroactively rewarding non-compliance.

It's also legally the wrong approach. Section 215(3) of the Planning Act 2023 is clear that when assessing development undertaken without approval, 'the Territory Planning Authority must treat the application for development approval as if the development was not undertaken' and judge it on its

merits against the original state of the land, which in this case was a grassed area of public open space. While that provision strictly applies to development approvals, DPA-12 is plainly the preliminary step toward exactly such a DA. The same logic must apply. The amendment needs to first establish why a car park belongs on public open space at all and that case has not been made.

The ACAT process was clear on one important point: BCC built this car park for its own use, because it had already built over its own previous parking area. It was never intended as overflow parking for the neighbourhood oval. That matters, because it means the burden of solving BCC's parking needs should fall on BCC and not on the public.

The claim in the Major Plan Amendment that removing the car park would push vehicles onto surrounding streets and create safety risks for children has not been tested or evidenced. Before this amendment goes any further, that claim needs proper scrutiny, and alongside it, a genuine examination of alternative options for how students and staff travel to and from the school. BCC made choices that created this situation. It's reasonable to expect them to find solutions that don't come at the public's expense.

As a Lyneham resident, this is my local open space. I have a direct interest in seeing it protected, and I have no confidence that DPA-12 does that. I urge you to reject it.

Yours sincerely,

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Draft Major Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan 12
Brindabella Christian College car park
Lyneham Section 21 Block 41 part Block 23

I wish to register my opposition to this draft proposal.

This matter has been undecided for a very long time, more than 10 years. It started when the previous College ownership took community land and appropriated it for their own use, as a car park. Land management agencies should have acted immediately.

Car use is changing rapidly and the need for this area to be used for car-parking is not well demonstrated and only serves to install one of the lowest forms of land use. Environmental pressures due to climate change will force alternative transport arrangements. Permanent alienation for a carpark will open the way for a building development into the future. The area occupied by the college is clearly inadequate for any plans for expansion. Are we to be subjected to progressive applications for buildings etc over the next 6 few years? This permanent carpark proposal should be stopped in its tracks, and proper planning in this location commenced, hopefully with higher standards.

The area of the community oval taken for the carpark could be viewed as 'stolen' land, with a *post hoc* ratification by Government agencies, through this Draft Amendment mechanism. It sets a precedent that should not be facilitated or tolerated by Government.

This whole saga has been mismanaged by Government and the College, and the community should not be made to be the 'loser'.

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Dear Sir/Madam

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

I appreciate that my submission will fall upon deaf ears as I anticipate that those reading this will not have the spine to do the right thing, yes I am questioning how you sleep at night, but am hoping that you may prove me wrong and not let the BCC get away with theft. Allowing this to happen gives the green light to anyone wanting to steal some land and encourages the BCC to go and steal some more.

The land in question was sub-leased to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) in 2009 after the ACT

Government gave approval for BCC to build over the carpark within its own block. That should never

have been allowed to happen. Since then the conditions of the sub-lease have never been met, and yet

the ACT Government has taken no action.

Prior to the Lyneham Community Association's action in ACAT in 2023 against the ACT Government's

failure to take action against the numerous safety and planning issues with this carpark, all parties

(including BCC) agreed that the car park built by BCC in 2016 was constructed illegally as it had no

development approval, breached the conditions of the sub-lease over the site, and contravened the

Territory Plan zoning.

The amendment DPA-12 only seeks to address the zoning issue in the most minimal way possible. No

information has been provided to give the community confidence that any of the other issues will be resolved.

The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block in the report supporting DPA-12 are totally

inadequate. The only real justification put forward is that the carpark has been there, first informally and

then illegally sealed, since 2006. The argument offered is "It's being used by the school and therefore it

may as well be made legal".

However, section 215 of the Planning Act 2023 in relation to development applications for development

undertaken without approval points out in subsection (3) that 'the Territory Planning Authority must treat

the application for development approval as if the development was not undertaken.' In

other words, it must assess the development solely on its own merits relative to the state of the land that existed before the unapproved development occurred. In this case, relative to its former use as public open space.

While this provision relates to development approvals, as this Major Plan Amendment (MPA) proposal is clearly the preliminary stage to a proposed DA for this carpark the MPA should be treated in the same way.

Thus the MPA must first establish the need for a carpark on this block relative to its underlying zoning of public open space. In this regard the ACAT process clearly found that the carpark was built by the BCC for its own use because it had built over the carpark on its own land - it was never intended or needed for ancillary parking for the adjacent neighbourhood oval.

The MPA needs to justify with evidence its untested claim that removing the car park would displace these vehicles onto surrounding streets, increasing congestion and risk to children being dropped off at school without a dedicated facility. In this analysis it must also examine alternative options for transport of children to and from school and for staff parking.

Kind regards,

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DPA-12

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Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team,

I write to you as a Lyneham resident and daily user of the Lyneham oval to assert my view that it is your duty to reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan.

Firstly, I should remind you of the facts:

- Brindabella Christian College (BCC) subleased the relevant land in 2009 after the ACT Government gave approval for BCC to build over the carpark within its own block.
- BCC has since then persistently and unashamedly failed to meet the conditions of the sub-lease.
- BCC constructed and sealed the carpark without development approval.
- The ACT Government has failed in its responsibility to enforce the law as it applies to BCC and this site.
- ACAT found against the ACT Government in this regard in 2023.

I should now like to highlight my personal experience of using the oval. I was raised on Longstaff Street in Lyneham and attended Lyneham Primary School. The oval was my daily playground. In 2024, I moved out of Longstaff Street and purchased a house on Lewin Street. I walk my dog on Lyneham oval every day. I think it is fair to say that I understand the value of this particular public space.

Since the construction of the carpark and its driveway, the oval has become more dangerous for people and pets. This is especially the case as the driveway crosses the established footpath and is adjacent to the logical entry point to the oval from the northern end of Brigalow Street. This means that as a pedestrian and recreational user of the oval I am regularly inconvenienced, and at enhanced risk of collision with a vehicle. I note that this reflection is supported by the ACAT finding.

The case put forward by BCC in support of proposed amendment DPA-12 is wholly inadequate. Furthermore, I believe that the framing used in the supporting report is utterly disingenuous. For example, section 1.3. states:

- The car park in the north of the site has been in use for over a decade and has been providing car parking for the area and the adjoining Brindabella Christian College to the north of the site. It was formalised and sealed in 2016 without a Development Application (DA). The car park has been in use to alleviate parking and traffic issues to the local area.

If this is the context they wish to rely on, it is miserably weak:

- Firstly, the carpark was never formalised. Rather, BCC's sublease permitted sports usage, with an ancillary carpark. I note that there was considerable community opposition to this move at the time-opposition that was clearly justified.
- Secondly, the carpark itself contributes to traffic and congestion issues. A carpark naturally attracts vehicles and, as the driveway to the BCC carpark has a narrow entrance that intersects with the footpath, it forms a considerable choke point on a busy artery.

These are only two of the myriad lies upon which the supporting case is based, and the supporting arguments relating to the ACT Planning Context in section 3.0 are so evidently absurd that they should be disregarded.

Lastly, I should like to point out what should be obvious: failure to enforce the law as it applies to public space in the ACT sends a clear message. That is, that businesses and institutions can do what they like with not just impunity, but also the tacit support of the ACT Government and its institutions.

In simple terms, this is theft from the community that has gone unpunished. Failure of the Territory Plan and

Coordination team to undertake its duty will erode trust in the Territory's public institutions.

I implore you to reject the proposed amendment DPA-12.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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Attention: Territory Plan and Coordination Section, CED (480 NBA)

Mitchell ACT 2911

**Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

We believe that the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan should be rejected for the following reasons.

- The car park built by BCC in 2016 was constructed illegally as it had no development approval, breaches the conditions of the sub-lease over the site, and contravenes the Territory Plan zoning. No Government has taken action to address these breaches.
- The Lyneham Community Association in a submission to ACAT in 2023 pointed to the Government's failure to address the numerous safety and planning issues arising from the carpark, which was constructed illegally. ACAT determined that the car park is an unapproved structure, was not designed in accordance with relevant standards had a range of pedestrian safety issues and caused local traffic congestion.
- Section 215 of the Planning Act 2023 in relation to development applications for development undertaken without approval points out in subsection (3) that 'the Territory Planning Authority must treat the application for development approval as if the development was not undertaken.
- Amendment DPA-12 only seeks to address the zoning issue in a minimal way. No information has been provided to give the community confidence that any of the other issues will be resolved.
- The arguments for allowing a carpark on this block are unconvincing. The only obvious justification advanced is that it has been there, first informally and then illegally sealed, since 2006, and is "It's being used by the school and therefore it may as well be made legal".
- Construction of a car park without development approval is an illegal act and should be treated as such. If the amendment is adopted, it will reward illegal behaviour.

- If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for public land in the ACT. If any user of public land informally or via a sub-lease, can then do as they wish, public confidence in the planning and approvals process will be seriously damaged.

In conclusion

- If this illegal structure is legitimised how will the community be compensated?
- What penalty, financial or otherwise, will the offender pay?
- At the very least, an annual lease fee to be utilised for local community works would be one worthy option.

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5 April 2026

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Submission – Opposition to DPA-12 (Lyneham Section 41 Block 23)

Re: Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park (DPA-12)

I write to oppose Draft Plan Amendment 12 (DPA-12), which proposes to amend the Territory Plan to permit a car park on public land in Lyneham.

1. Key reasons to preserve this urban green space

At the outset, there are several compelling and well-established reasons to retain this land as urban open space:

a) Increasing scarcity of inner-urban green space

Inner north Canberra has undergone significant densification in recent years. As redevelopment accelerates, undeveloped green space is becoming rarer, not more abundant. Once converted to hardstand (e.g. car parking), such land is effectively lost permanently.

b) Urban heat and climate resilience

Vegetated open space plays a critical role in mitigating the urban heat island effect. Replacing permeable, vegetated land with asphalt contributes to higher local temperatures, reduced thermal comfort, and increased energy demand. This runs counter to climate adaptation priorities.

c) Environmental and ecological value

Even modest urban green spaces contribute to biodiversity, stormwater infiltration, and habitat connectivity. Their cumulative value across a suburb is significant, particularly in established areas like Lyneham.

d) Public health and wellbeing

Access to nearby green space is strongly linked to physical and mental health outcomes. Open space supports walking, recreation, and passive use, which are essential in higher-density urban environments.

e) Irreversibility of change

Approving a car park is not a temporary or easily reversible use. It represents a permanent shift away from public open space toward vehicle-dominated infrastructure.

2. Inconsistency with ACT planning policy and principles

While DPA-12 proposes no zoning change, it effectively undermines the intent of existing policy settings.

a) Undermining the purpose of open space zoning

The land is subject to planning controls that prioritise environmental protection and public use. Allowing a private car park use weakens the integrity of these controls and sets a concerning precedent.

b) Conflict with compact, sustainable city objectives

ACT Government policy consistently promotes:

- reduced car dependence
- increased public and active transport use
- compact urban form

Facilitating additional car parking—particularly in a well-serviced inner area—runs counter to these objectives.

c) Precedent risk

Approving this amendment signals that protected or semi-protected urban green spaces can be incrementally repurposed for private infrastructure. This risks cumulative erosion of the open space network across Canberra.

3. Poor planning outcome and lack of necessity

a) Car parking is a low-value land use in a high-value location

Inner north land is scarce and strategically important. Allocating it to surface car parking represents an inefficient and outdated planning outcome.

b) Availability of alternatives

Parking demand associated with a private institution should be addressed within:

- the existing site footprint
- structured parking solutions
- transport demand management (e.g. staggered times, active transport incentives)

It should not be met by appropriating public green space.

4. Transport and behavioural impacts

Expanding parking supply tends to **induce demand**—encouraging greater car use rather than reducing it. This leads to:

- increased congestion in surrounding streets
- reduced safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- undermining of active travel uptake in a highly connected inner suburb

This is inconsistent with contemporary transport planning principles.

5. Community equity and access

Public open space is a shared community asset. Its conversion to effectively serve a single user group (private school parking) raises equity concerns. The broader community loses access and amenity, while the benefits accrue narrowly.

6. Conclusion

DPA-12 represents a short-term, site-specific solution that creates long-term, irreversible impacts. It:

- diminishes scarce urban green space
- conflicts with ACT climate and planning policy

- prioritises private vehicle use over sustainable transport
- sets an undesirable precedent for future encroachment on public land

For these reasons, I urge the Territory Planning Authority to reject DPA-12.

Regards

Local resident

[REDACTED]

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Submission to the Australian Capital Territory Planning Authority

**Draft Plan Amendment 12: Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

From [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Recommendation: That the ACT Planning Authority reject the proposed amendment (DPA-12) to the Territory Plan concerned with the Brindabella Christian College Carpark.

Supporting arguments

- The carpark is illegal
 - It was built without development approval, which is a criminal offence
 - It breaches the conditions of the sub-lease that Brindabella Christian College has over the land.
 - It contravenes the zoning of the area under the Territory Plan.
- The carpark encroaches on public open space (Hewitt Oval), depriving community members of access to the open space to which they are entitled. The area taken by the carpark is a substantial section of the wider area of Hewitt Oval (see below screenshot of satellite map) and may restrict future development of the oval for formal sporting activities. This could be of serious detriment to the population of the inner north, especially as it increases with higher density housing.
- To not reject the proposed amendment would reward activities of Brindabella Christian College that are illegal and contrary to agreed conditions. This is a serious matter for the ACT Government, which should be enforcing the law and not giving favours to powerful private interests that flout the law. To do so sets a dangerous precedent and has the appearance of corruption – or at least weak and incompetent government.

Pertinent background to the issue

I understand that the current issue arises out of building work, funded by the Commonwealth under the Building the Education Revolution, which took over land within the BCC lease previously used as a carpark. There were clear failures by both the Commonwealth and the ACT governments concerning the authorisation of this building work, and reportedly compliance failures by BCC. These failures should not be used as an excuse to permit continuing illegality and deprivation of

the community of its rightful facility. However, both levels of government should consider the implications of this case and put in place appropriate legal and regulatory measures to ensure that such serious problems do not occur elsewhere.

I appreciate that the resumption of the carpark into Hewitt Oval would create difficulties for the BCC administration and community. However, it is up to them, working with the ACT and Commonwealth governments, how they resolve those difficulties. This might include reduced enrolments and a reconfiguration and demolition of some buildings.

Personal background and motivation

Lyneham is my suburban centre for social gathering, shopping and services. My son attended Lyneham high school and four grandchildren are attending, have attended or plan to attend Lyneham primary and high schools.

While I have a personal connection with the issue, my primary concern is with the implications for the rule of law, the fairness of government decision-making, and the standing of the ACT government.



Satellite map showing Brindabella Christian College and the illegal carpark (centre top), Hewitt Oval and other public open spaces, and Lyneham primary and high schools.

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DPA-12

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I have provided a submission via the Lyneham Community Association however wanted to add some additional comments. I am appalled that a group of people, the Brindabella Christian College (BCC), can unlawfully take over public land, and just get away with it with no consequence. I have been a resident of the area for over 30 years and have enjoyed the public space as a place to take my children to play, to go and exercise, to walk the dog, and lots of other things. To have this public space steadily eroded by an organisation who think they can just take it and the government will simply turn a blind eye, then ratify the theft, is unbelievable. Do not let this happen. The land needs to be returned to the people.

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Submission on Draft Planning Amendment 12

I oppose the approval of the proponent Christian Community Ministries (CCM) initiated Draft Planning Amendment 12 (DPA) that would have the effect of endorsing and formalising the appropriation of community owned green space on part of Block 23, Section 41, Lyneham, by the current owners CCM, of the Brindabella Christian College (BCC).

The DPA seeks to formalise a surface carpark on community owned green space, which is currently not permitted by the PRZ1 zoning for urban open space, and is not owned by the proponent.

This green space was appropriated from the community for private and exclusive use by the BCC in 2006 and has been the subject of ongoing dispute since that date, including an ACAT finding in 2023 that the space must be remediated. This dispute must be resolved definitively by:

- Rejecting this DPA
- The proponent restoring the area in dispute to urban open space as it existed prior to 2006
- The restored urban open space returned to the community

This submission opposing the approval of the DPA rests on three grounds:

- Inconsistency with the Inner North and City District Strategy plan. Nothing in that plan refers to the creation of new parks, and the dilution of urban open space.
- Inconsistency with the relevant themes in the ACT Planning Strategy of a compact and efficient city, supporting liveability and accessibility goals.
- Non-alignment with the relevant priorities in the ACT Minister for Planning's Statement of Planning Priorities 2025-2028 being the enhancement of community infrastructure to meet growing population demand, by providing publicly accessible and available car parking for members of the community when utilising the adjoining oval and urban open space

In addition to failing these planning objectives, the DPA must also be rejected for two non-planning but legal reasons

- Approval of the DPA would conflict with an existing ACAT in 2023 finding that the action was wrong, and must be reversed.
- Approval of the DPA would encourage further illegal land grabs by other bad faith actors

The BCC may claim that they must have this carpark to prevent the cars occupying it illegally, from being parked in other parking spaces around the school including residential streets. This is a disingenuous argument – the school is well served by public transport and with two local service bus stops immediately in front of the BCC campus on Brigalow Street, a few minutes walk from bus stops operating rapid bus services on Mouatt Street, and a five minute walk from a light rail station on Northbourne Avenue.

Not once in the supporting report supplied by BCC and prepared by Richard Nash, Principal Planner of SPACELAB, is public transport or active transport to the BCC campus referenced. Not in writing, or on a map or diagram. This egregious oversight cannot be accidental, but deliberate so as to portray the private vehicle as the sole access for BCC staff.

The Inner North and City District Strategy refers to transport on p.11 *"The Inner North and City District is well serviced for active travel compared to other districts. Projects currently underway will further enhance this with new active travel network connections through Watson and Ainslie into the City Centre."* Going on to add *"Suburbs in the north of the district are serviced by rapid transit linking Belconnen and Watson through Dickson. The Dickson interchange is an important hub for local bus corridors."*. Nowhere in this strategy is a call for extra carparks.

That the BCC campus on Brigalow Street may have insufficient car parking for its existing staff, is unfortunate, but entirely self inflicted. From 2006 to 2016 the campus surrendered its own recreation and car parking space for school buildings. The BCC now expect the Canberra community to surrender its community owned green space, permanently. The new owner of the BCC campus was aware of this ongoing legal dispute upon acquisition of the assets of BCEL in 2025. It is not an impost that a private business should impose on the community.

An alternative to formalising the appropriation of community owned green space, would be for the BCC to encourage staff to carpool, use active or public transport or to undertake construction of a car park within its existing Brigalow Street campus boundary, consisting of either a surface car park or a multi level car park provided at their own cost (and not a cost borne by the community, as the appropriation of the urban open space occupied by the non-compliant car park would be).

The Inner North and City District Strategy goes on to say on P.26 that *"As key sites and precincts in Inner North and City District develop, careful consideration will be given to protect and enhance the network of green spaces and waterways (the blue-green network) that protects our environmental and cultural values and enhances their sustainability and resilience to climate change."* and refers to a map on p.25 showing the block subject to this DPA as being included in this 'Blue-green network'. This section of the strategy does not refer to surrendering this space for surface car parking, and indeed that purpose appears to go against this strategy.

The proponent claims that the DPA supports the relevant themes in the ACT Planning Strategy of a compact and efficient city, supporting liveability and accessibility goals. Unfortunately nothing in this strategy indicates that urban open space can be appropriated and converted to surface car parking. Nothing in this strategy supports poor decisions by owners of a business (by converting their own car park to buildings) having that perceived requirement met by the community surrendering urban open space. Indeed that strategy encourages planning that supports active and public transport use, and the retention of urban open space and green space.

The DPA also claims the retention of the carpark conforms with the ACT Minister for Planning's 'Statement of Planning Priorities 2025-2028' yet a reading of those priorities shows nothing in the DPA that would meet any of the priorities. Indeed Priority 8 reads:

'Priority 8: Protect the environment and enhance the city's landscape. As Canberra continues to grow, it is important that environmental values are protected and enhanced to achieve the vision of Canberra of a 'city in a landscape'. The ACT's District Strategies have identified the importance of environmental and biodiversity connections and the blue green corridors, across our city, with further opportunities to embed living infrastructure into planning policy. To support this the Government will take a landscape approach, including strategic spatial planning to proactively protect and restore key areas of environmental value for the future, both within the urban footprint and on the urban interface.'

Crucial to this DPA is the proponents intention to not '*proactively protect and restore key areas of environmental value for the future*', but to undertake the complete opposite of this by failing to restore green space.

A key element to the Tribunal decision in 2023 to close the car park and order the sites remediation, is the zoning of the land 'PRZ1 – Urban Open Space' that prohibits a car park as a standalone use in the Territory Plan 2023. As this submission demonstrates, the DPA does not conform with territory planning regulations, it does not satisfy any of the aims or priorities of the 'Inner North and City District Strategy' plan, the 'ACT Planning Strategy' or the ACT Minister for Planning's 'Statement of Planning Priorities 2025-2028'.

With ample alternate options available to the proponent including utilising active and public transport or constructing car parking within their own site boundaries, this DPA must be rejected and the proponent directed to remediate the urban open space and return it to the community.

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Dear Territory Planning Authority,

I object to DPA-12.

I ask the Authority to reject it.

I am [REDACTED]

I live at [REDACTED]

1. DPA-12 would weaken PRZ1 protections

- The land is PRZ1 Urban Open Space.
- DPA-12 would create a site-specific permission for a car park on that land.
- The Territory Plan says: **“Uses not listed in the table are prohibited.”**
(Territory Plan, Parks and Recreation Zones Policy)
- A car park is not a normal PRZ1 use.
- This amendment is a special carve-out for a use that does not belong in PRZ1.

2. This is not merely incidental parking

- The Territory Plan already allows genuinely incidental parking associated with parkland and playing fields.
- The Territory Plan Dictionary treats public car parking as a minor use only where it is incidental to the main use of the land.
(Territory Plan Dictionary)
- DPA-12 is only needed because this car park is not incidental in that sense.
- The proponent’s own material treats it as a separate or **“standalone car park.”**
(DPA-12 supporting report)
- That is inconsistent with the purpose of PRZ1 Urban Open Space.

3. School traffic concerns do not justify changing the Plan

I accept that school traffic and parking can be difficult.

- But that does not justify rewriting the Territory Plan for public open space.
- A private school's parking needs should be met lawfully and on appropriate land.
- Public open space should not be permanently reduced to solve a private operational problem.

4. Approval would set a bad precedent

- This is one of my strongest concerns.
- Approval would reward a prohibited use first, and a change to the rules afterwards.
- That would send the wrong message.
- It would tell future proponents that if they take public land first, they may later obtain a retrospective planning change.
- Once this amendment is approved, how could government fairly refuse the next retrospective approval of this kind?
- Future applicants would point to DPA-12 as precedent.
- That would open the door to further land grabs of public open space.

5. Public land should stay public land

- Lyneham Oval is community land.
- PRZ1 exists to protect urban open space for recreation, access, landscape and community use.
- That protection should mean something.
- Community land should not be carved up, bit by bit, for private parking.

6. The right outcome

- Reject DPA-12.
- Do not create a site-specific exception for a prohibited use on PRZ1 land.
- Require any parking solution to be found lawfully and on appropriate land.
- Protect Lyneham Oval from further encroachment.

Yours sincerely,

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I simply do not understand how the ACT government might not only ignore unethical and illegal behaviour by BCC, but effectively reward it by retrospectively approving their actions. Approval of this amendment would represent a dreadful precedent for other private schools or private bodies to take over public land from people of the ACT with impunity. The amendment and the car park should not be approved. If the government is in a position where it is effectively too late to “unapprove” the existing car park, any approval should come with conditions whereby Brindabella School incurs cost or penalty such as for continued upkeep of the remaining school oval area designated for use by both schools and by the public. The government needs to clearly explain its decisions and the need to prevent such unfortunate actions happening in the future whether by BCC or other such organisations.

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Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-1:

Provide the details of your representation*

I am a long-term resident of (inner) Lyneham. I have lived in [REDACTED] since Christmas 1959.

I have no conflicts of interest associated with this Draft Plan Amendment 12.

My home is ten minutes walk from the car-park site; I cross five streets eastwards to get there.

"BCEL" is the abbreviation I shall use here for the former business Owners of the Brindabella Christian College ("BCC").

Some years ago, I refused to sign a public Petition being advanced by another Lyneham resident [REDACTED]. At that time, I discussed aspects of their then opposition to the BCEL/BCC by the Lyneham Community Association ("LCA").

Around that time, I also had some mutually unsatisfactory eMail dialogue with the LCA.

PLEASE NOTE that I have NOT and I still do NOT consider that the LCA is a 'representative' community association, although of course I acknowledge that its self-appointed office-bearers and associated 'members' have evidently claimed such status formally as a registered 'Association'.

I have had NO dialogue with LCA for some years, since I consider them to be illogically partial and too selective in their limited advocacy and/or opposition to the relatively few supposed 'community' activities and development proposals that the LCA has claimed some commentary upon.

Particularly, related to all LCA activities related to the "car-park" issues of Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12), I have generally opposed the LCA's positions.

Broadly, I consider that the associated ACAT determination was in too many respects quite ill-advised.

I NOW WISH FORMALLY TO SUPPORT Application Number: 2025-06 BY Applicant Name: Richard Nash, SPACELAB Studio Pty Ltd.

The history of the questionable development of what has now become the BCC public car-park, is best put aside in large part. Regrettably, the former BCEL owners apparently mis-led the College staff and the parents of students about the BCEL having 'bought' the former fraction of the large roughly-grassed playing fields between the BCC and the Lyneham Primary School. (Since the Lyneham High School has its own more developed playing fields to the south-east across the Sullivans Creek culvert, I consider the secondary students' use of the Brigalow Street area to be at best marginal.)

The amenity of the Brigalow Street playing fields is essentially unaffected by the small portion now occupied by the public 'car-park'. To my passing observation, the College and Primary students use is not materially limited, as the whole grassed area is so large. I have never seen the available grassed area ever being used by sufficient pupils to over-crowd the space now available.

There may be vexed questions about the BCEL's former (overly ?) dense development of school buildings upon their BCC site, however that is a series of separate questions in my view.

THE FACT IS that the BCEL was permitted to make virtually exclusive use on school-days of the small section excised from the rough playing fields, next to the BCC site.

The BCEL's initial Development Application ("DA") was both for school buildings and an associated car-park, I understand. That DA was rejected. The LCA was significantly involved in opposition to the DA, along with other "Nimbys" - not in my back-yarders.

While it seems that no substitute DA was ever submitted by BCEL, they developed most of the excised site initially as a red-gravel car-park. This was a dusty, muddy mess for some long time.

Evidently, to address the dust and the mud, the BCEL subsequently had the car-park area tarred, which was an improvement practically speaking. As well as its claims about their tenure, the BCEL apparently told parents that it was not a public car-park space. That open use status was later acknowledged, mainly affecting the very few who used the grassed playing fields on weekends, etc..

The car park has served TWO practical purposes -

1. an off-street drop-off area for the many parents who are delivering or picking-up their BCC student-children.
2. a parking area for about 130 vehicles.

Of necessity, a majority of students are driven to/from BCC because the private school's catchment area is NOT limited to inner north Canberra 2602. These children's safety in getting to/from BCC is a crucially important consideration.

Brigalow Street itself (and adjacent streets) are quite unsuitable to permit on-road BCC transfers.

Lyneham Primary School has a reasonably sized off-street loop which facilitates that process from/to parents' cars, but far more local Lyneham children walk or ride bikes into the Primary School.

There is a limited-use Route 50 inbound bus-stop at BCC. Parents cars cannot stop in it.

The out-bound 50 stop is on Brigalow Street, near the BCC raised-platform pedestrian crossing.

Brigalow Street and a 40 KmH speed limit in school days from near to the Brigalow/Hall Streets' pedestrian crossing, nearly up to Mouat Street.

Speeding cars are a problem, and a radar van is periodically seem facing north-bound cars near to Longstaff Street.

An elderly person was killed on the southern pedestrian crossing (apparently by a BCC employee).

Brigalow Street as it now stands, is a risky traffic zone in this designated.40 KmH area.

As was quickly all too evident after the ACAT closed the car-park, the shifting of BCC Staff cars into on-street parking in nearby adjacent streets (especially Lewin Street)

NOTABLY, the ACAT appeared to ignore or discount too much of the Expert advice that the ACT government traffic planner provided. I believe that none of those Expert's recommendations were actioned by the ACAT.

For example, the convoluted path cars take exiting and entering Brigalow Street; and the exiting no-right-turn which is "honoured in the breach". Parents' drop-offs are confused among the Staff parking.

BCEL did nothing useful; and it seems that while the new owners have recently re-painted the car-park lines, nothing else has been rectified, sensibly pending some better overall resolution.

Those important traffic management improvements need formally to be given due weight in any DPA-12 decision, please.

IN SUMMARY, I support the SPACELAB Studio Pty Ltd proposals, subject to long overdue technical traffic management issues within the site being addressed by the new proprietors of BCC.

Thank you,



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Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking
Improved traffic.
Safety of school students
Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

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We would like this arrangement to continue as it has had several positive impacts on the surrounding area. It has helped reduce congestion on nearby streets, particularly in relation to parking, and has improved overall traffic flow. It has also contributed to increased safety for school students by reducing vehicle movements during busy periods. In addition, allowing the carpark to be used by the public on weekends provides a valuable benefit to the wider community.

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I think it is very important for the Brindabella Christian College Carpark to stay open for the following reasons:

- There are 2 schools on the same street
- Congestion- where do all the parents park to drop of their little cherubs, which mean they will park all over the place and cause more havoc, lets face it
- Which then leads safety - you have more cars driving all over the place, and kids crossing the street in random places, and even though we have crossings, we know human nature will always take the shortest route.
- Then for the community after hours and weekends they can use that carpark, which they do.
- Lastly, have seen how big the oval is next to it and the other across from it, you can only green every where, so really don't understand what the problem really is, but I can however foresee there really will be problems if we close it. It is common sense.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide my support for the current car park application that has progressed to the consultation stage through Planning ACT.

I strongly support the approval of this application and the continued accessibility of the car park for staff use. The car park plays an important role in reducing congestion on surrounding streets, which in turn contributes to improved traffic flow in the area. This is particularly important during peak periods.

Additionally, the availability of the car park supports the safety of nearby school students by minimising on-street parking pressures and associated traffic risks. The proposal to allow public use of the car park on weekends is also a positive outcome, offering broader community benefit.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Yours sincerely,

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The parking area at the school has led to significantly reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking.

Before the parking area was in existence, parents would park on the streets, on the nature strip and even on neighbour's driveways in extreme circumstances, which led to issues with traffic flow on Brigalow Street and attached roads, and also to the souring of relationships between the school and their neighbours.

The erratic nature of the parking caused significant risk to young people attempting to cross the road by the shortest route due to limited visibility and driver's ability to see pedestrians.

Parking on the road caused significant risk to bicycle riders who were at risk of opening doors from cars knocking them off their bikes.

The current car park has become an asset to park users, particularly at weekends.

Rather than causing an issue for the community, the car parking area has become an asset to the neighbourhood and has actually improved relations with the community.

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All schools need a car park that is safe for families to use and that has the least impact on the surrounding area. By keeping this car park open, it will reduce congestion in the surrounding streets, particularly considering that there are three schools on this Lyneham block.

Improved traffic flow as it will allow cars, deliveries and visitors to turn off the through roads.

Safety of school students and small children who access the Early Learning Centre. It will assist with the discrimination against disabled people and the elderly who are wanting to visit the school who might not be able to negotiate the roads or long walk to the school grounds.

Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends.

Allow the general public and other schools who also access the carpark on a daily basis.

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This car park serves the broader community and delivers important safety, traffic, and wellbeing benefits. It plays a critical role in keeping children safe during school pick-up and drop-off by providing an orderly, off-street location for vehicles and reducing unsafe stopping on surrounding streets. During peak hours, it supports efficient traffic flow and significantly reduces congestion in the local area.

Beyond school hours, the car park encourages a “park and ride” approach, allowing residents to access nearby facilities, including the oval, which supports community wellbeing and active lifestyles. It also provides a low-risk, controlled environment that is well suited for learner drivers to gain confidence and experience.

Retaining this car park ensures ongoing safety, accessibility, and shared community use, delivering benefits that extend well beyond the school itself.

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I work at the school and park in the carpark. If my colleagues and I were no longer allowed to park here we would take up most of the available spaces on the streets around the area. I believe our school brings visitors into the area who spend money in the local shops and cafes and our school provides a service to the local community. The car parking space is available to the local community members as well as staff and is a valuable amenity particularly with its location adjacent to the dog friendly park next door.

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Organisation name

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Home phone

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Application details

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Provide the details of your representation*

As a member of staff and also a parent at Brindabella Christian College, it alarms me to think that the car park will no longer be accessible to staff and parents. Removing this car park will cause significant danger and risk not only to staff but also students and parents, especially during drop off and pick up times. As you may be aware, it is virtually impossible to find street parking anywhere near a school during these peak times, so removing this car park will create massive traffic congestion to the neighbouring streets and surrounds. This will directly impact on local residents and potentially harm grassy areas on curbs and sidewalks.

The use of the car park does not have to be limited to private use - it can be open to the public on weekends. The existing oval is large enough as it is for two schools to use comfortably, and having a large car park near the oval would encourage public access on weekends.

It would be disappointing if the approval for continued use of the car park was rejected despite these strong arguments. I trust the right decision will be made by the ACT Government.

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Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Brindabella Christian School

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To whom it may concern,

Regarding the car park application for Brindabella Christian College, I wish to reiterate how beneficial this is to the Lyneham community. The car park provides a safe space for the many Brindabella staff to park their car throughout the school day without causing parking issues and congestion to the nearby streets. The car park takes extra traffic off the streets and makes the community safer.

Additionally, without the carpark, student safety is at risk as children would need to cross busy roads before and after school.

The Lyneham community also benefits on weekends, as the carpark can be used for local events.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,



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The reason is for the safety of all students, parents, and staff. Also to reduce congestion especially in the morning.

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Keeping the carpark next to Brindabella Christian College open and accessible for the public and the staff and families of Brindabella Christian College is essential for ensuring:

Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking

Improved traffic

Safety of school students

Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

There is a significant amount of public land and park area for the public and schools to use on the oval.

Keeping this carpark as a functioning space is of vital importance.

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RE: Brindabella Car Park

This car park will need to stay in place. Chaos would unleash around the suburb, including the shops and surrounding streets if this car park were to be taken away, especially during drop-off and pick-up times. Lyneham State School is next door and it would be double-trouble if the parents had no where to go? Blind Freddy could see this happening. The public can also use the car park on weekends to visit the open grassed area next door. Brindabella is also a popular school for Volleyball clubs and events. Where would parents from other schools park to access the school? The Lyneham Shops?

Please consider upholding the car park, as it is beneficial for the BCC School parents and the community.

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Amendment is no. 12

Provide the details of your representation*

Please make a way for our Brindabella Christian College Carpark to remain open. My husband and I have had our children in the College since 2010. The carpark provides a safe place for us to drop our children at school, and if we didn't have the carpark, we would have to park in the streets around the College, which would not be so pleasant for the neighborhood. With the Lyneham Primary School close by, Brigalow street is very busy already, and if the carpark was closed, I believe it would be much busier, and potentially risky for the children.

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I support the application for the car park because it will make the area safer, less crowded, and more convenient for everyone: employees, students, parents and nearby community. The car park will help reduce congestion on nearby streets by taking pressure off street parking. This will make traffic flow better and reduce delays, especially during busy times.

It will also improve safety, particularly for school students, by reducing the number of cars parked along the roads and making it easier for drivers and pedestrians to see clearly. It will also give the community more parking options if the car park is allowed to be used on weekends.

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Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking
Improved traffic.
Safety of school students
Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

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Lyneham oval is rarely used by the Lyneham residents. I would only see the occasional dog walker using it. The only people who use it are the students from Lyneham Public and Brindabella Christian College. By allowing the car park to remain and open to the community, it would allow greater use. If it was closed, traffic would become dangerous and parking in Lyneham would become unbearable as staff from Brindabella would need to park in the surrounding streets and students would need to walk through significant traffic. I am also aware that adjusted parking arrangements have been made available to Lyneham Public on Brigalow St due to the dangerous nature of walking children to school. I personally supported this action as a sensible arrangement for schools.

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As a parent of two students that attend Brindabella, the car park is an essential part of the school. Without it there will be utter chaos with all the cars coming and going dropping and fetching their children. The traffic congestion will be terrible and won't only affect the school but the entire Lyneham area and beyond. It will also be extremely dangerous for families and students being dropped off and having to walk to the school, as there is no safe place to stop/park and let kids off.

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Provide the details of your representation*

As an employer at BCC having the car park is imperative to the school. Not only do staff use it to park their cars but so do the wider community. There are many people who use the car park to park their cars and then walk to work or to the tram. There is even a man that parks and then takes his push bike out the boot and rides to work. Without the car park there will be so many cars having to park on the road and side streets which will cause even more problems with the Lyneham community as people will be parking outside their houses and potentially on their lawns/pavement and causing even more congestion. It will also be very unsafe for the students to be dropped off on the road and have to walk to the school.

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**Comment on Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College carpark –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Dear team

I am writing in support of the **Draft Plan Amendment 12** which, in my view, is consistent with the ACT Government's long term pragmatic and common sense approach to the management of the Lyneham neighbourhood.

Comments are due by 17 April 2026.

Originally, in 2009, the extensions to Brindabella Christian College infrastructure were funded by the Rudd Federal Government's 'Building an Education Revolution' program which was designed, in part, to urgently respond to the Global Financial Crisis of the preceding year.

Since then, patterns of car ownership of senior students have changed increasing the demand for space for car parking at the school, perhaps in unexpected ways. In this context, the use of the land adjacent to the new buildings for parking is perfectly understandable.

Alternatives to the current approach of a car park for the school are not desirable. Increased competition for car parking at the Lyneham shops, increased traffic in and around the Lyneham Primary School and increased parking on residential side streets would be the inevitable outcomes: - all undesirable from the point of view of local residents, I would have thought.

Should the land for the car park have been reserved for other urban uses? Actually, it is very rare to see *anyone* using the adjacent land for *any* purpose at *any* time (maybe very occasionally some guys on a Saturday afternoon kicking a soccer ball, but there is still plenty of room for that on the available land). So, it is really not the case that the amenity of the remaining land is diminished by the ongoing presence of the car park.

Finally, my attention to this matter was raised by a letterbox drop made by the 'Lyneham Community Association'. The campaign letter drafted by this organisation 'Save Lyneham Oval' is mainly devoted to the re-litigation of old issues using inflammatory language. This seems unreasonable and unhelpful. In fact, there must be a question

mark about the authority for this organisation's campaign since it is not clear that the Executive Committee has been elected consistent with the organisation's (very detailed) constitution: at the very least, the Association does not appear to have been transparent about the processes leading to the installation of the current Executive Committee.

In any case, its time to move on.

Yours sincerely

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The car park next to Brindabella provide a service to the community that allows for both staff and public use during the 7 day week. The space that is currently car parking adjacent to the green space allows ease of access in a safe manner, not having people and animals entering and exiting cars park on brigalow street. The car park is an essential element to maintain clear streets and verges, removing cars from the side roads, maintaining access to driveways and walkways for people through the day. A removal of this carpark would place undue stress on surrounding streets and require multi-million dollar replanning of roads and parking from council.

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I support retention of the existing car park located at Brindabella Christian College. The car park eases the burden of parking constriction in the local area during school hours, whilst providing the community an accessible car park when using the local ovals. It is also close enough to Lyneham Shops when overflow parking may be required if the shopping precinct becomes busy.

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**Draft Plan Amendment 12 - Brindabella Christian College car park - Lyneham
Section 41, part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team,

We write to **support** the amendment to the Territory Plan to allow the car park for Brindabella College. At the outset we advise that we are not affiliated with the College; our sons went through the Lyneham Primary and High School system many years ago. We do walk along the path which borders the open space to the Lyneham shops regularly.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We are not in favour of losing any open space in established suburbs and also acknowledge that the previous owner of Brindabella was presumptuous in regard to the regulations about establishment and continued use of the car park. Having said that we make the following points:-

- The area between Brindabella and the Primary school is effectively regarded as school grounds by surrounding residents during school hours.
- Over the last 50 years, we have observed that the use of the whole area outside school hours is quite minimal consisting mainly of family groups enjoying some recreation.
- We are not aware of any regular organised sporting or other activity that occurs requiring a large area.
- Community use is therefore sparse.

- The Lyneham Community Association has not identified any community use that would be lost specifically by the Brindabella car park and we cannot foresee any either. In other words, the area has little or no alternative use considering the availability of extensive open space between the two schools and across the Creek at the High School.
- Lyneham High has two car parks which are overflowing and the smaller Primary School has limited parking. Contrary to the Lyneham Community Association submission, we see nowhere else for Brindabella cars to park as restricted street parking progressively spreads outward from Northbourne Avenue.
- To us, Brindabella Christian College is an economic and cultural asset to the area and seems able to share the playing fields with the Primary School.

We suggest it would be dog-in-the-manger to not approve the car park and we urge the team to continue with the approval of the variation to the Territory Plan.

Yours sincerely

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I am seeking for the car park to be approved for the following reasons and useful purposes:

1. Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking.
2. Improved traffic around the area.
3. Safety of school students.
4. Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends.

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I support the approval of the existing car park application and its continued use. Retaining the car park will significantly reduce congestion and on-street parking in surrounding residential areas, particularly during peak school hours. It will also improve overall traffic flow and safety by minimising vehicle movements near student drop-off and pick-up zones. Importantly, the car park provides a safer option for staff parking, reducing risks to school students and pedestrians. Continued approval would also allow the car park to remain available for public use on weekends, providing a valuable community asset. For these reasons, I strongly support the application and request that it be approved.

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Given name*

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I believe this carpark should remain open.

The parking spaces it provides on a school day reduces the congestion on the surrounding streets, which have very limited parking availability. It improves traffic flow on Brigalow street and the surrounding streets as people are not stopping for setdown/pickup and provides a safe place for students of both Brindabella Christian College and Lyneham Primary school to be dropped off the main street.

In addition to providing parking for the families and staff at Brindabella, this carpark also provides an additional parking option for the staff and families of Lyneham primary school which has extremely limited parking options available, and provides additional community parking options.

There are a number of regular users who park in this location and walk the short distance to the public tram for the remainder of their commute. There are also the users of the public oval space - given the limited time parking that is available in the second smaller carpark, the main carpark provides parking spaces for those who are using the oval for training and recreational purposes.

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Strongly support the car park application. The car park frees up street parking around the area and improves traffic flow. Without the car park, school students will be required to enter and exit cars on surrounding streets at drop off and pickup, introducing safety issues with the traffic on the roads. Furthermore, the car park will provide parking space for the public on the weekends.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details of your exemption request*

NA

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Representor details

Title

Given name*

Family name*

Organisation name

Brindabella Christian College

Enter at least one phone number: *

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile

Email address*

Application details

Amendment number*

Provide the details of your representation*

The reasons we would like the Brindabella Christian College parking lot to continue are;

Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking
Improved traffic.
Safety of school students
Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

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I am a teacher from Brindabella Christian College. The carpark provides an area for not only staff and students but also members of the public. It has been noted that some members of the public use the carpark and that is within their right to do so. Without the carpark the streets of Lyneham as well as the shops will be crowded with parked cars as there is also the Public school which has limited carparking. Parked cars on streets will cause congestion and safety issues especially around both schools (Lyneham public school and Brindabella Christian College). It has happened before when the carpark was closed a few years ago.

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Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking as this can be hazardous for children and families who live in Lyneham and are making their way to school or work.
Improved traffic as there are often lots of cars using this road to avoid Northborne Ave during peak times which means there are school traffic and city traffic all using the same road. Having the car park means that families at the school have a safe place to drop off their kids away from the busyness of this road.
Without the carpark drop off for students would be very unsafe.
Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

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The parking area at the school has led to significantly reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking.

Before the parking area was in existence, parents would park on the streets, on the nature strip and even on neighbour's driveways in extreme circumstances, which led to issues with traffic flow on Brigalow Street and attached roads, and also to the souring of relationships between the school and their neighbours.

The erratic nature of the parking caused significant risk to young people attempting to cross the road by the shortest route due to limited visibility and driver's ability to see pedestrians.

Parking on the road caused significant risk to bicycle riders who were at risk of opening doors from cars knocking them off their bikes.

The current car park has become an asset to park users, particularly at weekends.

Rather than causing an issue for the community, the car parking area has become an asset to the neighbourhood and has actually improved relations with the community.

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We would like for the car park to remain accessible to all staff due to the following reasons: Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking, Improved traffic, Safety of school students, and the carpark could still be of use for the public on weekends. We had experienced a closing of the carpark in the past, and it caused a lot of issues with congestion to the public, and also a congestion of the flow of traffic as parents were not able to effectively drop off their children. It also meant a lot of students had to be dropped off elsewhere, and not only is it a hazard for younger children, it caused a lot of congestion in nearby streets to much disadvantage to the local Lyneham community. Thankyou for your consideration.

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This land would be well suited for a car park so the community can better utilise the space. It would help reduce congestion on nearby roads and prevent cars from being parked along surrounding streets. Most importantly, improving traffic flow would enhance safety and help prevent accidents or potential fatalities caused by congestion.

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- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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I made a submission by mistake via the Lyneham Community Association website.
I did not realise that clicking on their MAKE A SUBMISSION button that I was sending a proforma submission opposing the amendment.
I think their website is misleading and deceptive

I believe the amendment should go ahead and that the LCA should be concentrating on more important matters.

The amount of the oval that has been built on is less than 1% of the Lyneham Oval space.

I go to the Lyneham shops 3-4 times a week and I believe that the new arrangements are much safer for people using the school and parents doing drop offs and pickups.

I am an atheist but I think there is an anti-Christian church element to the LCA's obsessive pursuit of this matter, and in much of their "reporting" on this. I do not believe that the LCS would have been so bent out of shape if this had not involved a private Christian school.

I do not have any connection to the BCC, nor do I have any connection to any students at the BCC.

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Provide the details of your representation*

I strongly believe that the carpark to be approved and it will remain accessible to all staff of the College. My reasons for this are as below:

1. Reduced congestion on the surrounding streets particularly with parking
2. Improved traffic
3. Safety of school students
4. Allowing the use of the carpark for the public on weekends

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Justification for Ongoing Use of the Brindabella Christian College Car Park

Brindabella Christian College respectfully seeks approval to continue using the existing car park located adjacent to the school grounds. While the space was not originally authorised for this purpose, its continued use provides significant safety, traffic management, and community benefits, particularly given the size and diversity of the school population.

1. Student Safety During Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Brindabella Christian College caters to students from Early Learning Centre (ELC) through to Year 12, including very young children who require close supervision.

A designated off-street car park enables safe, orderly pick-up and drop-off, reducing the need for children and parents to cross busy roads.

Without adequate on-site parking, parents—especially those with ELC and primary-aged students—are forced to stop or park unsafely on surrounding streets, increasing the risk of accidents.

The car park significantly reduces congestion directly at the school entrance, allowing staff to supervise arrivals and departures more effectively.

Maintaining this car park is a proactive measure that prioritises child safety above convenience.

2. Reduction of Illegal and Unsafe On-Street Parking

The presence of the car park actively prevents unauthorised and unsafe parking across the road and in surrounding streets, particularly during peak morning and afternoon periods.

In its absence, vehicles would likely park on road sides, corners, or no-stopping zones, compromising visibility and pedestrian safety.

The car park helps keep surrounding roads clear, ensuring smooth traffic flow for commuters, emergency vehicles, and residents during peak hours.

Reduced congestion benefits the wider community by minimising delays for people travelling to work.

The car park functions as a traffic management solution, not merely a convenience for the school.

3. Community Use on Weekends

The car park provides benefit to the broader community beyond school hours.

Members of the public could use the space on weekends, particularly for nearby recreational areas, sporting activities, and community events.

This shared use reduces pressure on street parking and supports safe access to local amenities.

Its continued availability enhances the liveability and accessibility of the local area.

4. Support for Park-and-Ride and Public Transport Access

Some members of the public use the car park as a park-and-ride facility, supporting sustainable transport habits.

This encourages the use of public transport and reduces the number of individual vehicles travelling into high-density areas.

By enabling shared transport use, the car park contributes to lower traffic volumes and reduced environmental impact.

Conclusion

Although the car park was not initially authorised, its removal would likely result in increased congestion, unsafe parking practices, and heightened safety risks, particularly for young students. Conversely, formalising and retaining the car park:

- 1.Enhances student and pedestrian safety
- 2.Reduces traffic congestion and illegal parking
- 3.Provides tangible benefits to the wider community
- 4.Supports sustainable transport practices

For these reasons, we strongly submit that the continued use of the car park is in the best interests of the school, surrounding residents, and the broader public, and we seek approval for its ongoing operation.

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To whom it may concern

RE Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23

I am a long term Lyneham resident and have lived on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the past five years. I support DPA-12 as a sensible move forward in the protracted saga that has enveloped this car park.

My submission focuses on how to get the best outcome from the planning system going forward, assuming DPA-12 will be approved.

Next steps - Development Application

Assuming DPA-12 is approved, I expect the next step will be a development application for retrospective approval to formalise the car park. However, it cannot be a rubber stamp process to approve the existing car park as is. Any DA must include a full assessment of parking generation associated with BCC student numbers, including drop off/pick up spaces, and further assessment of traffic/safety (the Lyneham Community Association's key concern). I note that BCC has 1057 students according to the School Census February 2025. As per the Community Facilities Zone Technical Specifications, the following parking is required:

- 507 Primary School students = 41 spaces plus 21 pick up/ set down
- 425 High School students = 99 spaces plus 11 pick up/ set down (includes college)
- 125 College students (included with high school)
- TOTAL = 140 parking and 33 pick up/set down

The current car park has approximately 130 spaces and the above figures do not account for the BCC early learning centre. These above rates necessitate serious consideration during any future DA.

It could also be prudent for the Territory Planning Authority to stipulate that the DA includes meaningful consideration of alternative/additional access and other arrangements that reduce demand for the car park, such as:

- Utilising or licensing alternative parking locations (e.g. Southwell Park)
- Augmenting surrounding streets or other land to enable pick-up/set-down e.g. a left-in, left-out intersection utilising the existing pedestrian traffic lights at Mouat Street for the Sullivans Creek shared path
- Walking or cycling school bus systems.

Next Steps - Community Needs Assessment and strategic planning

The BCC saga highlights the need for appropriate and coordinated strategic planning for this area of Lyneham that should incorporate Lyneham Primary School and Lyneham High School, referred to by the Lyneham Community Association as the 'Lyneham Community Precinct'.

Lyneham High School is one of only two high schools in the Inner North, the other being Campbell High School. It is regularly reported as being at or near capacity and is now part of a Priority Enrollment Area shared zone with Shirley Smith High School in Kenny. While the high school benefits from an irrigated oval within its campus, BCC and Lyneham Primary School use a poorly maintained dryland oval. Surely this area can be better utilised as the Supporting Report suggests utilisation rates will increase. The ACT Education Directorate and the City and Environment Directorate should undertake a community needs assessment for the three schools, similar to the

process that has informed the proposed Tolepea Park School expansion as per DPA-10. A community needs assessment is particularly important given the context of future population increase in Lyneham from the Yowani and Thoroughbred Park redevelopments, and the usability of a dryland oval.

Coordinated land use planning could also consider combined pick-up/drop-off arrangements for the three schools.

Alternative Approach - DPA-12 Alternative Rezoning

There is genuine frustration within the local community based on historical poor decision making and lack of enforcement that leave little opportunity for alternatives. In reality, DPA-12 is being shoehorned into a planning system that should not allow it, all for the sake of timeliness, with minimal effort or evidence from the proponent, and with little resistance from the Territory Planning Authority. However, the quickest outcome is often not the best.

The car park is being promoted as supporting infrastructure for increased utilisation of Lynehan Neighbourhood Oval while providing incidental car parking for BCC. This argument is necessary to justify consistency with the existing PRZ1 zoning. However, a car park of this scale would only ever be considered in the PRZ1 if it supported a district-level recreational facility, such as the nearby Southwell Park. DPA-12 has presented no evidence to support the potential demand for increased activity at the oval. Further, Lyneham Neighbourhood Oval is a dryland oval meaning it is not suitable for organised sport, nor is it identified for increased utilisation/ re-activation for formal sporting activities¹.

On this basis, I believe the best approach for DPA-12 is to rezone the site to Community Facilities Zone (CFZ). This would allow the following actions to occur:

- The land would be subdivided and a Crown Lease granted. A rezoning is necessary because I understand that a Crown Lease cannot be granted for PRZ1 land.
- BCC would be required to obtain the land through a direct sale process.
- Lease conditions would be imposed to prevent the development of the land for any purpose other than a car park, and to prevent its consolidation into the existing BCC Crown Lease at Block 4 Section 41 Lyneham. A lease condition or right of way easement requiring the car park to remain publicly accessible at all times could also be imposed.

BCC has not had a car park within its lease boundary for almost 2 decades. The Territory has allowed BCC to completely build out its site without adequate on-site car parking, which is a standard requirement for most Crown Leases. If BCC is dependent on the car park, and as car parking cannot be physically accommodated within the existing lease boundary, then BCC should be made to acquire the car park land through a direct sale process. Placing the car park into a Crown Lease is the most appropriate, equitable and transparent form of land management, subjecting the site to the Planning Act 2023 and the full administration of the TPA. The current car park has operated in contravention of its licence requirements for over a decade. It is not an appropriate mechanism moving forward.

Conclusion

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this submission. I encourage the TPA to seriously consider how to best utilise the ACT planning system to manage the immediate car park issue, including a rezoning alternative and direct sale approach. The ongoing land use planning for the Lyneham Community Precinct is also a strategic planning priority for the site.

¹ "Consolidated list of dryland and former dryland ovals – 4 November 2025", ACT City Services, 2026, https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1808757/Drylands-Consolidated-List-November-2025-acc.pdf [Accessed 13 April 2026]

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These comments are in relation to Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park – Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12).

I support the application DPA-12 and the decision of the Territory Planning Authority in the application outcome notice for Application Number 2025-06. Allowing the subject site to operate legally as a car park is critical to ensuring a safe space for school drop off and pick up at Brindabella Christian College, and benefits the surrounding areas and neighbourhood by easing peak congestion. The car park can also be used by the community for those using the oval next to it. The proposal's alignment with relevant district and planning strategies are clearly presented in the consultation documents. It will be detrimental to the neighbourhood, surrounding community and most of all to the school, students and parents if the subject site was not permitted to be used as a car park.

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**Draft Plan Amendment 12 – Brindabella Christian College car park –
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12)**

Dear Territory Plan and Coordination Team

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The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open Space means. It's time the government protected local communities and our open spaces.

Urban Open Space is for community, not school car parks.
Reject the proposed amendment DPA-12.

Sincerely



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How Brindabella Christian College without a legal sub-lease can become an '**interested person**' sufficient to undertake an amendment to the Territory Plan (s56 and s57(1) Planning Act 2023)? Lyneham Oval which is a public asset zoned PRZ1-Urban Open Space. It is leased and managed by an ACT Government agency [Roads ACT – City and Environment Directorate] on behalf of the ACT community. Does a sub-lessee of public land have the ability to amend its use in their own interests? This is a concern about the ongoing use of public land by the community.

The Report only presents the key considerations and planning context provided to the TPA by the planning consultants engaged by Brindabella Christian College and none of the alternative considerations and planning context raised in a number public representations over recent years.

The proposed amendment is not inconsistent with the ACT Planning Strategy 2018; the Inner North and City District Strategy; and the Statement of Planning Priorities if a number of considerations raised in these documents are overlooked.

The NCCC commends the assessment of the submission produced by the Lyneham Community Association that demonstrates that the proposal is inconsistent with the ACT Planning Strategy 2018; the Inner North and City District Strategy; and the Statement of Planning Priorities submission. The NCCC asks that the TPA looks beyond the Supporting Report provided by the private planning consultants to independently consider all the issues raised on behalf of the community.

Yours sincerely



Chair
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Important Planning Issues Raised by the Lyneham Community Association

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If the amendment is adopted, it will set a dangerous precedent for public land in the ACT. If your business starts using public land informally or obtains a sub-lease, but does what it wants on the land, after a few years the ACT Government will come to your rescue and legitimize all your failures and theirs by changing the zoning.

Construction of a car park without development approval is a criminal act. If the amendment is adopted, it will reward criminal behaviour. What other crime is left unpunished and the perpetrators rewarded?

This situation has only arisen due to the failure of the government to uphold its laws. It should have terminated the sub-lease when it became apparent it was being breached. It should never have allowed the construction of the illegal car park. It should have held BCC to the enrolment limits imposed in 2016. It should have taken action to protect the community instead of leaving it up to a community organisation to take action in ACAT to force it to act.

The government should not now try to paper over its earlier failures by corrupting what Urban Open Space means. It's time the government protected local communities and our open spaces.

Urban Open Space is for community, not school car parks. Reject the proposed amendment DPA-12.



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DRAFT

MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT

to the

TERRITORY PLAN 12

Brindabella Christian College car park
Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23

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This draft major plan amendment was prepared
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document is Draft Major Plan Amendment to the Territory Plan 12 - Brindabella Christian College Car Park – Lyneham Section 41 part Block 23 (DPA-12).

Under section 63 of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Planning Act) the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) is making DPA-12 available to the public for comment.

Key parts of this document are:

- section 2 – summarises the proposal, including amendments this DPA proposes to make to the Territory Plan and associated documents and details on interim effect
- section 3 – discussion on the need for the draft major plan amendment
- section 4 – summary of entity and public consultation and where further information can be obtained
- section 5 – detailed amendment instructions to the Territory plan proposed by this DPA.

1.2 Outline of process

A major plan amendment (MPA) is a statutory process under the Planning Act that enables the Territory Plan to be amended. The three types of MPAs are:

- Proponent-initiated
- Authority-initiated
- Minister-initiated

DPA-12 is a proponent-initiated MPA.

For more information about the content of the [Territory Plan](#) and the [major plan amendment](#) processes please refer to the ACT [Planning](#) website.

1.3 Application 2025-06

Prior to the preparation of a proponent-initiated MPA the proponent must lodge an application to be considered and accepted by the Authority. The application must be accompanied by a supporting report.

The supporting report must include how the proposal gives effect to the following 'key documents':

- the [Planning Strategy](#)
- the relevant [District Strategy](#)
- any current or proposed amendments to the Territory Plan
- the Statement of [Planning Priorities](#)
- anything else the Authority considers relevant.

In accordance with section 59 of the Planning Act, the Authority accepted application 2025-06 on 5 February 2026 as it was satisfied the intended development outlined in the supporting report gave effect to the 'key documents'.

Further detail on the reasons for this DPA can be found above. The supporting report and the application outcome notice also contain reasoning for the amendments to the Territory Plan proposed by this DPA

Along with this DPA, as part of the background papers, the application outcome notice and accompanying supporting report are available on the [Major Plan Amendments](#) page on the Planning website.

2.0 PROPOSAL

This DPA proposes to amend the Land Use Table in the Inner North and City District Policy in the [Territory Plan 2023](#) to permit additional assessable development on the site for a car park.

The amendment to the Territory Plan as proposed by this DPA is outlined in section 2.2.

The supporting report provides details about the background and development for the subject site and forms the basis of how this DPA will amend the Territory Plan.

Background papers for this DPA, including the supporting report and the application outcome notice is available on the [major plan amendments page](#) on the Planning website under 'Major amendments open for consultation'.

2.1 Site description

The subject site is located at the northern end of Lyneham Section 41 Block 23 (Figure 1) and is zoned PRZ1 Urban Open Space Zone (Figure 2). The subject site is currently used for car parking for the Brindabella Christian College school and the adjacent Lyneham community oval to the south. The land is leased to the ACT Government (City Services in the City and Environment Directorate), who provided authorisation for the submission of the proponent-initiated MPA application.

Lyneham Primary School is located to the south-west. To the east is the Sullivans Creek open space corridor and a main north-south active travel path. Existing access to the subject site is from Brigalow Street to the west.

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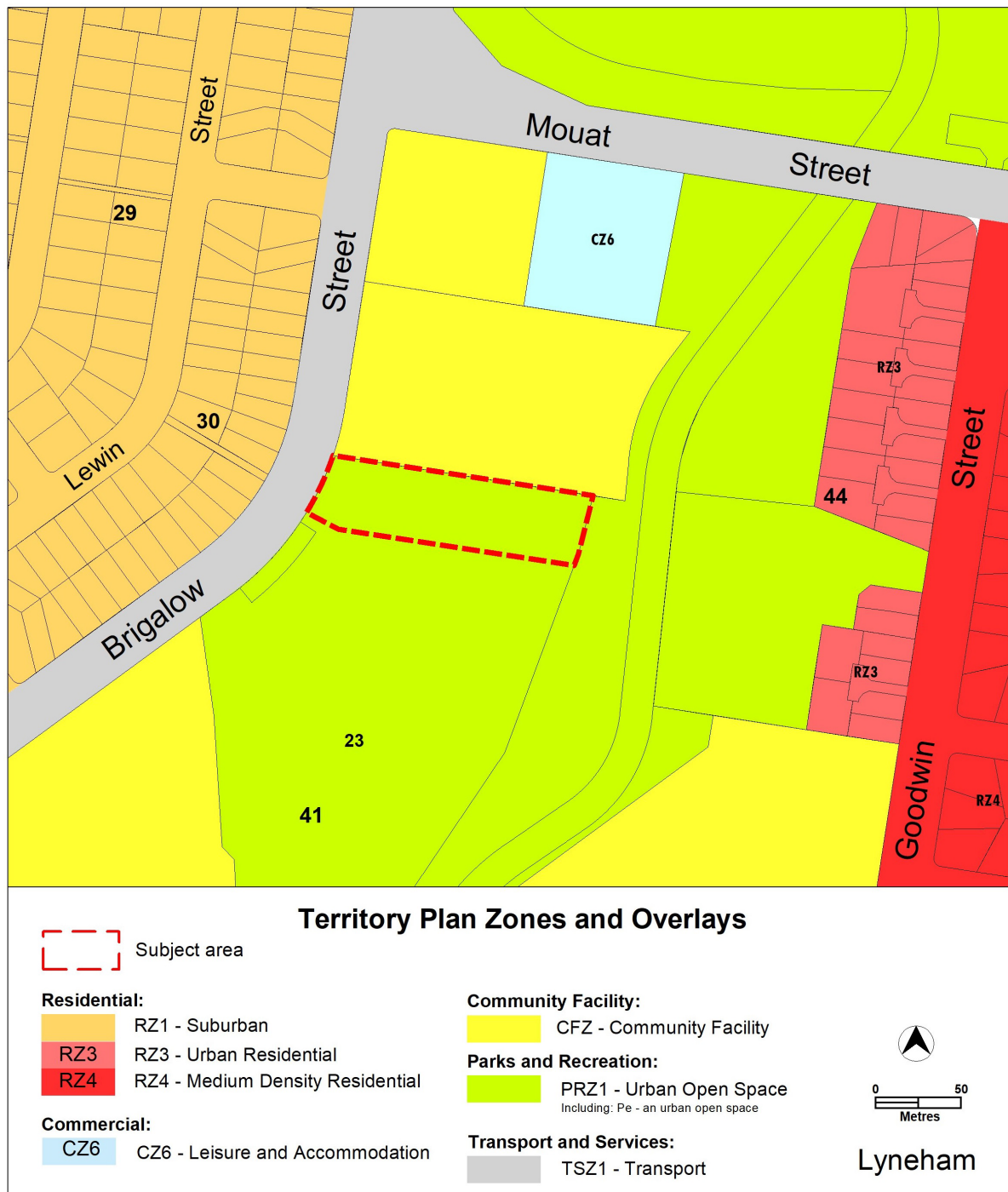


Figure 2 – Territory Plan Map - Zoning

2.2 Summary of amendments to the Territory Plan

DPA-12 proposes to amend the Territory Plan by amending the Inner North and District Policy Land Use Table to permit additional assessable development on the site for a car park. The Lyneham Division Map (Figure 3) is also proposed to be amended to depict the location of the area subject to the amendment (proposed AD7 on the map).

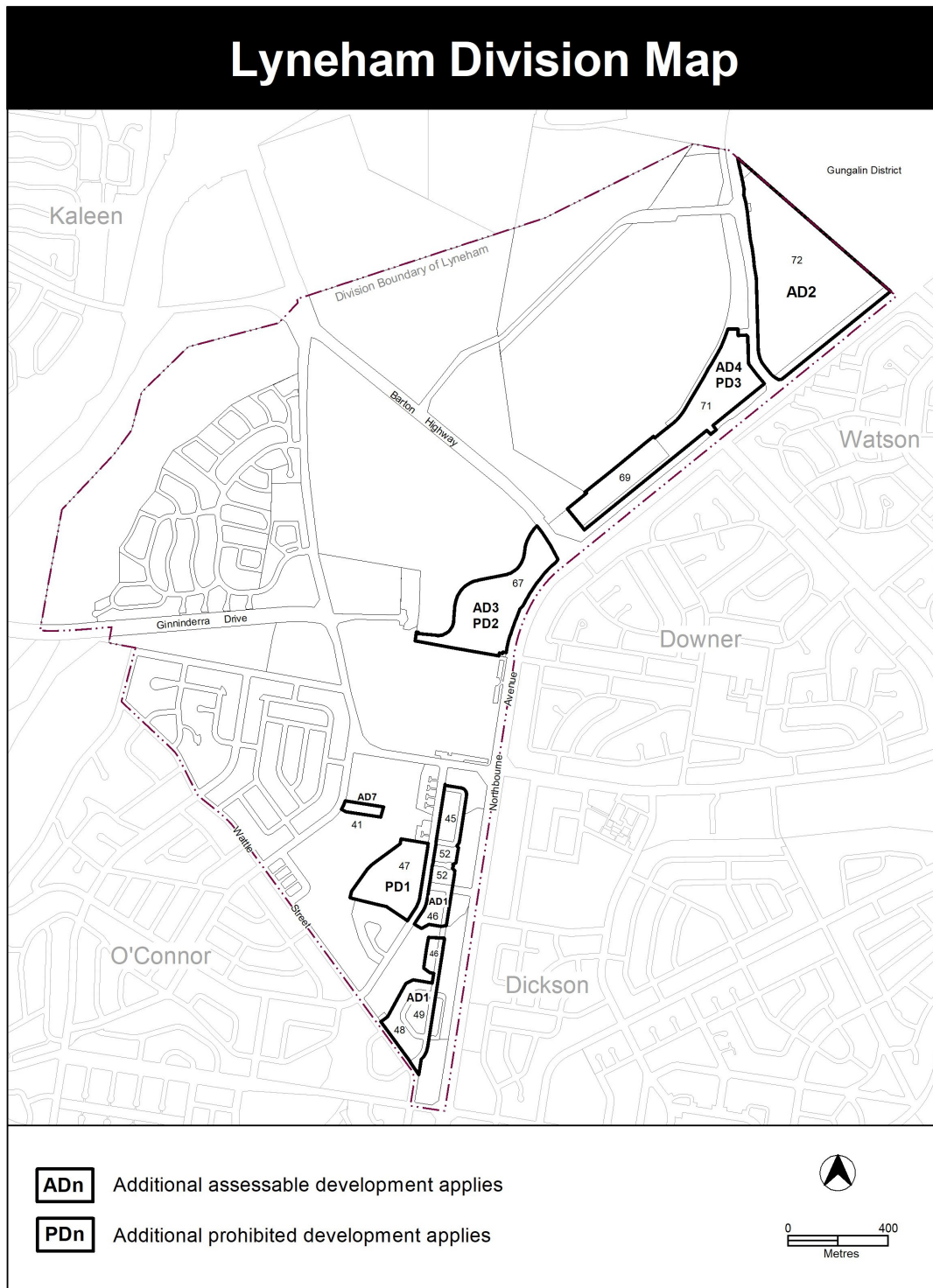


Figure 3 – proposed change to Lyneham Division Map

2.3 Summary of consequential amendments to other documents

Documents, such as the technical specifications and development controls are not part of the Territory Plan. Therefore, they cannot be amended as part of an MPA and must be amended separately when/if the DPA commences.

DPA-12 does not propose to consequentially amend any other documents.

For general information about other documents, such as the Technical Specifications or Development Controls, see the [Planning website](#).

2.4 Interim effect

DPA-12 does not have interim effect as section 64 of the Planning Act does not apply to it. Therefore, the current provisions of the Territory Plan will continue to apply to development applications while the DPA remains in draft form.

More information about interim effect is available the [Planning website](#).

3.0 NEED FOR THE DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT

The car park on the subject site is required to safely manage school-related traffic, accommodating approximately 130 vehicles during peak periods and reducing congestion and risks that would otherwise be displaced onto adjacent residential streets.

DPA-12 only proposes to amend the Territory Plan. If/When this DPA is finalised, a development application can be lodged for the site which will include any detailed design information as required and be released to the public for comment.

The supporting report also provides further detail on the background to the use on the site and the reasoning for the amendments proposed by this DPA. The supporting report is available as part of the 'background papers' for this DPA on the [Planning website](#).

3.1 Justification against the Act

A supporting report has been prepared for DPA-12. The supporting report, which is available on the [Planning website](#) outlines:

- the need for the proposed amendment.
- the positive and negative impacts of the proposed amendment.
- how the proposed amendment would give effect to the planning strategy and any relevant district strategy.
- how the proposed amendment would be consistent or inconsistent with relevant planning outcomes in other government strategies and policies.
- any consultation undertaken including with required entities who may have an interest in the proposed amendment.

DPA-12 is a proponent-initiated amendment and how it meets the requirements of the Planning Act (specifically section 58) is outlined below. The Application Outcome Notice for Application 2025-04 is available on the [Planning](#) website.

The ACT Planning Strategy

The proposed change contained in DPA-12 is not inconsistent with the five (5) themes of the ACT Planning Strategy, which are:

- compact and efficient city
- diverse Canberra
- sustainable and resilient Territory
- liveable Canberra
- accessible Canberra.

The site is within an urban intensification locality in the inner north district.

The use of the subject site for a car park is not inconsistent with the 5 themes in the ACT Planning Strategy. Specifically, it gives effect to a compact and efficient city, and a liveable and accessible Canberra as the car park assists in alleviating traffic and parking congestion during peak periods along Brigalow Street in

Lyneham along which two schools and the local centre are located. The car park can also be utilised by the community outside of school times to access the adjacent oval.

The supporting report for the MPA provides further details of how the amendment is not inconsistent with the planning strategy.

The relevant district strategy

The district strategies seek to capture and protect the valued character and attributes of the nine districts of Canberra. The district strategies deliver the ACT Planning Strategy by providing more specific and targeted directions for each district. The district strategies guide the strategic management of growth and change on a district scale in the context of green and blue spaces, good travel connections, housing, employment growth and support commercial areas.

The relevant district strategy for this application is the Inner North and City District Strategy (the District Strategy).

To be considered for a major plan amendment a proposal must not be inconsistent with the relevant district strategy.

The supporting report provides further details of how the proposal is not inconsistent with the district strategy.

Any current or proposed amendments of, or of policies in, the Territory Plan

Policies within the Territory Plan are key to shaping places and communities in the ACT, implementing strategic planning objectives, protecting and minimising the impacts on our environment, and establishing future urban form and development patterns. The policies outline the desired policy outcomes that are important to a district or zone and include assessment outcomes and key assessment requirements that must be met by proposed development. Therefore, an application to amend these existing or proposed policies should be carefully considered.

The proposal is not inconsistent with the relevant policy outcomes in the Inner North and City District Policy and the Parks and Recreation Zones Policy.

The statement of planning priorities

The relevant minister responsible for planning can set a statement of planning priorities. These planning priorities must arise from the planning strategy and contain actions to be taken in the short to medium term to achieve the priorities.

The current statement of planning priorities was released in 2025 by Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Chris Steel MLA. The statement contains ten priorities for the City and Environment Directorate to pursue in the next 3 years (2025-2028).

The proposal is not inconsistent with the 2025-2028 Statement of Planning Priorities.

Anything else the territory planning authority considers relevant to the amendment

Planning is a complex and ever-changing environment with many stakeholders. Policy or requirements from other areas of the ACT Government or Federal Government, particularly the National Capital Authority, utility providers and interest groups must also be considered when deciding an application to amend the Territory Plan.

There are no further matters the Territory Planning Authority deem relevant to this DPA.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation with entities

In accordance with section 62 of the Planning Act the Authority must consult with each of the following in relation to this DPA:

- the National Capital Authority
- the Conservator of Flora and Fauna
- the Environment Protection Authority
- the Heritage Council
- each referral entity
- if unleased or leased public land, each custodian of the land likely to be affected.

Comments received from these entities will be contained in the consultation report. The consultation report summarises:

- entity comments
- public comments
- amendments made to this DPA as a result of the above two dot points.

The Authority will prepare the consultation report after the conclusion of the public consultation period. If this DPA is not withdrawn the consultation report will be made available to the public when the DPA is given to the Minister for determination.

4.2 Consultation with the public

Written comments are invited from the public on this DPA from 27 February 2026 to 17 April 2026.

The [Planning website](#) contains information about:

- what information written comments must include.
- how written comments can be submitted.
- the publication of submitted comments on the Authority's website and how personal information is managed.

5.0 DRAFT MAJOR PLAN AMENDMENT 12

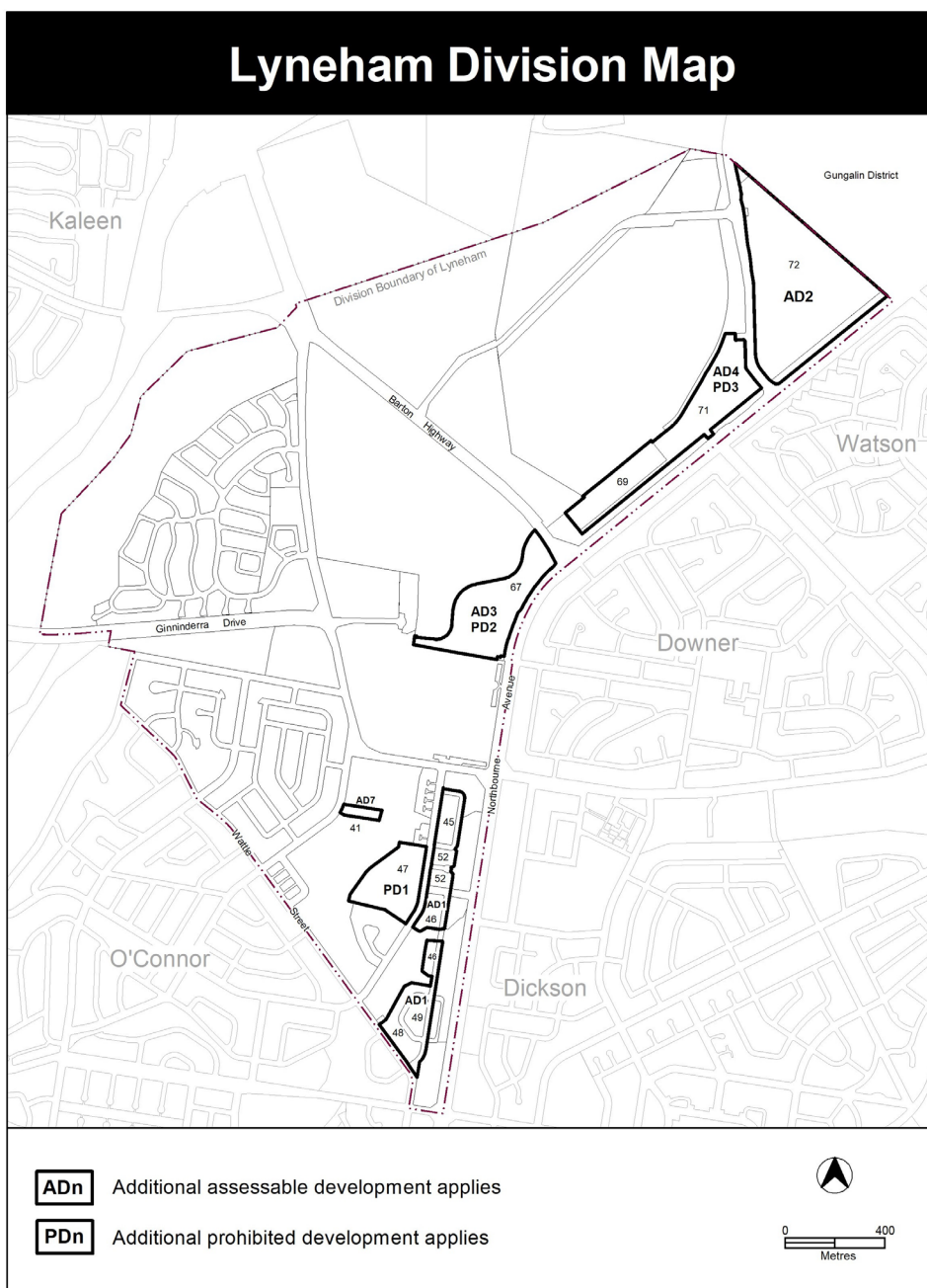
This section details how DPA-12 proposes to amend the Territory Plan.

5.1 Proposed amendments to the Inner North and City District Policy

It is proposed to add the following to the Land Use Table in the Inner North and City District Policy for the subject site:

Locality	Zone	Additional assessable development	Additional prohibited development	Relevant parcel or Figure
Lyneham	PRZ1	car park	Nil	AD7, Figure 29

It is proposed to amend Figure 29 – Lyneham Division Map to include AD7:



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