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Subject: DPA-06 Health Centre in in Griffith
Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 11:03:18 PM

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Public consultation comments on:

Potential Territory Priority Project (TPP) for the Inner South Health Centre (proposed to be located on the corner of Throsby Crescent and Throsby Lane in Griffith)

I raise the following objections to this project being built in the proposed location:

1. By the Government constructing on land that is presently public parkland and playground equipment, these facilities are being taken away from the residents of Griffith, with no similar replacement. (The proposed Inner South Health Centre will not be a service specific to Griffith rate payers and residents who will lose their local park.)
2. There will be a loss of car parking facilities for the Griffith community in using the Griffith shopping precinct – by the Government constructing on land that is presently public car parking for users of the Griffith shops.
 - I understand a nett gain of 63 parking spots is proposed in the construction. However, this parking is likely to be swallowed up by and furthermore be insufficient for the more than 50 workers at the Health Centre and by its clients.
 - Therefore, it actually represents a loss of parking for the community in using the Griffith shopping area.
 - If a nett gain of 63 parking spots does ultimately materialise, I'd be surprised. Unfortunately, I have lost trust in construction planning consultation processes in the ACT because I have seen too many developments proposals be amended after public consultation to the point that the end construction is far more congested than what was proposed and consulted on.
 - Presently there is often insufficient parking available at the

Griffith shopping area. If there was to be insufficient parking permanently at the shops, the shops are likely to be used less and potentially then lost by being rezoned. This means insufficient provision of parking manifests sadly as a loss of local shops 'by stealth'.

- Cars parking in the suburb's streets (which are narrow streets) is not a facility; instead it presents potential traffic hazards and pedestrian accidents. There has been allowed to occur a considerable number of flats/units and multi-dwelling buildings in the suburb with insufficient parking for the cars of residents in such complexes and for the cars of their guests; these cars already spill onto many streets. It has become like playing 'dodge ball' to drive in such congested streets.
 - The fact this already happens in many Canberra suburban streets (and in many congested cities) does not mean it is 'best practice' and should not be multiplied in Canberra, thereby make our suburbs more difficult and stressful to live in.

I bring these few comments to you as a long-term resident of the suburb, not as someone who has any expertise in planning. Please use the expertise of your office to, from the start of a construction project to its finalisation, plan it wisely, plan for the long term and ensure constructions are adequate for the intended services and citizens effected – because once facilities are gone, in the long term, I and other rate payers will be paying more to 'catch up' or to ever restore.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Griffith

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Objection to Proposed Rezoning – Major Plan Amendment (DPA-06)
Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 11:49:08 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am formally objecting to the proposed rezoning associated with DPA-06. My concerns relate to three key issues: the loss of valuable green space, inadequate parking provision, and a flawed community consultation process.

loss of green space

The area identified for rezoning currently serves as an important and well-used green space for local residents. It provides recreational value, contributes to neighbourhood amenity, and supports the wellbeing of nearby families, children, and older residents. Reducing this green space would have a detrimental impact on community liveability and contradicts broader planning principles that emphasise accessible public open space in established suburbs.

inadequate parking and traffic impacts

The proposed development is likely to generate significantly higher parking demand than the surrounding streets can safely accommodate. Local roads are already under pressure, and increased congestion would negatively affect residents, pedestrians, and cyclists. Without a clear and realistic parking and traffic management plan, the redevelopment risks creating ongoing access and safety issues for the neighbourhood.

flawed consultation process

The consultation process to date has been insufficient and inequitable. Many of the residents closest to the site were unaware that consultation was underway, as no signage was installed and no printed information was distributed to affected households. Key groups—including residents of Throsby Court and homes directly adjacent to the site—did not receive adequate notification. This represents a significant process failure and undermines the legitimacy of the current consultation outcomes.

Given these concerns, I request that the rezoning proposal be reconsidered. At a minimum, the consultation period should be extended and a proper, inclusive consultation process undertaken to ensure all affected residents have the opportunity to meaningfully participate.

Thank you for considering this submission. I look forward to a response addressing the issues raised.

Yours sincerely,



narrabundah

From: [REDACTED]
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposal.

Apologies for the late submission.

We live at [REDACTED], Narrabundah, close to the proposed Inner South Health Centre.

We have been lobbied by members of our community to oppose the proposal, especially with regard to parking and loss of open space. We have, however, decided to support the proposal.

While we share some concerns about parking, we do not believe this should stop the development proceeding.

In relation to green space, giving up a small parcel of land for a health centre in a city that has more open space than almost any other city in the world, is a non-issue as far as we are concerned. In addition, allowing local people to access services locally can help reduce the ACT's carbon footprint.

Also, while opponents of the proposal would deny being NIMBYs, there is a lot of NIMBYism in the arguments against the proposal. According to some of the arguments we have seen, the proposal would be acceptable if it was a walk in centre but is not okay if there were to be different types of services.

Apparently, for example, Griffith and Narrabundah residents with chronic health issues should be expected to travel to Civic or to a hospital. We assume the NIMBYs in Civic would likewise object to such a proposal in their area.

If the ACT Government was proposing to allow the development of a ten story hotel and music venue on the site, or was planning to redevelop Red Hill for a casino or football stadium, we would probably be at the barricades immediately. But a Health Centre in the community is exactly the sort of development required.

We also believe the proposed site is appropriate, given its proximity to Griffith shops. In addition the site is, in our view, currently under-utilised and is frankly, an eyesore.

[REDACTED], Narrabundah

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Hello,

I wish to submit some comments on the proposed Territory Priority Project Declaration for the Inner South Health Centre in Griffith. I write as a local resident, living only a couple of hundred metres from the proposed site. I also write as someone who has a mild disability (vision impairment) which renders me unable to drive, and therefore an active traveller who needs local services, a particularly acute need because I am 'not disabled enough' to receive any recognition or support at all from the ACT Government when services are inaccessible or inadequate. This has been a source of almost weekly frustration and despair during a cumulative total of 30+ years as a Canberra resident over the last 42 years.

From this perspective, I was initially excited by the announcement of this new health centre, noting that many public medical services including GP/walk in clinic are effectively unavailable to people like me at present. Those facilities are nowhere near the inner south and require lengthy multi-stage travel on public transport, or around \$80-120 in return taxi or Uber fares, to reach. (I note that in your consultation document, even people who drive commented that Dickson and Weston are too far away for walk-in centres to be convenient - imagine for those of us who can't drive to them!) As such, I am effectively excluded from access to most public primary health services despite paying huge and increasing rates, from a single income, on my small unit title property.

Looking at the Project Declaration, however, walk in / GP facilities are not mentioned at all. This gives me great concern - and also seems to create the farcical situation that to access the sorts of secondary services listed that might be there, such as chronic disease management, local residents would first need to leave the area to access a walk-in clinic or bulk-billing GP in another part of town before these services across the road are relevant. Or, of course, pay very large gap fees for private GP services in inner south suburbs.

My key comments in relation to this proposal are therefore:

- I seek greater clarity on what health services will be provided in the new centre, and specifically whether this will include walk-in clinic/general practitioner access. If not, why is there no priority on the provision of walk-in access to residents of the inner south who do not have access to a car and therefore have **no** access to such services in Canberra without lengthy multi-stage travel on public transport across town, or prohibitively expensive Uber or Taxi fares? I submit that the highest priority for services to all Canberrans, including those in the inner south, should be access to primary health/GP walk-in facilities including for urgent and out-of-hours care. Assessment of reasonable access should not be predicated on the person having access to private car travel.
 - as a corollary of that, I note that if the ACT Government wants people like me not to go to Canberra hospital emergency for non-emergency health situations, we need an option. At present TCH is the **only** place I can access for urgent/out of hours care that is even vaguely proximate eg accessible in one

bus ride or an affordable Uber.

- For this development, and as a more general principle, I would plead with the ACT Government to consider as a priority, the access needs of people who do not have the ability to drive a private car to services. Priority should be given to **all** Canberrans having reasonable access to necessary basic services, including health services, including those who need to use public transport or active travel to do so. For example, a standard that no service should be more than one bus or tram segment away from all people who need it, would be appropriate.
- I welcome the inclusion in the project declaration of making health services available near rapid transit public transport and active travel routes. Noting that this centre will be next to a road (Stuart Street) with a rapid bus service from both Civic and Woden, in the zone for other active transport (such as e-scooters) and is designed to make travel accessible for residents of the **local area**, why are an additional 119 car parking spaces necessary? What will be done to make sure that people are actively encouraged to use public transport and/or active travel to utilise the centre, or to prioritise access for local/nearby residents, rather than just clogging up the Griffith shops and surrounding residential streets with people coming to the centre in cars from elsewhere? Will those of us resident in the local area be expected to battle through lines of cars along our residential streets and access points and [I ask as a vision impaired bicycle commuter] the associated dangers of streams of traffic driving in and out, and trying to park on the street outside my house? Will local area residents have priority access to the services at the centre? Will the development be accompanied by appropriate facilities to encourage and support active travel such as new bike lanes/paths, bike parking and other end-of-trip facilities?
- I submit that approval of the present development should be conditional on an undertaking that Blaxland Park, on the other side of the Griffith shops behind the community centre and Baptist Care, is **never** to be rezoned or developed and must be retained as local community green space in perpetuity.

Finally, I wanted to offer an observation on the consultations undertaken so far, according to your consultation document. It shows six face-to-face consultations held but all but one were held during working hours, which necessarily means that you have self-limited your consultation to a cohort of non-working people, aside from maybe a few drinkers at Eastlake pub one Thursday night. I am also part of the YourSay panel and a Griffith resident, but received none of the online comment options mentioned in your consultation document. There seems therefore to be some deficiency in your consultations reaching the people they need to and attracting meaningful feedback. I do acknowledge receipt of the letterbox dropped leaflet, which thankfully alerted me to this process just in time to submit at this late stage.

I would be happy to discuss the points I have raised further as required. In fact, as someone representing a marginalised minority group (non-drivers) that is routinely ignored by the ACT Government in planning decisions, I would welcome it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely





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[REDACTED]
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Dear Territory Planning Authority

REZONING OF PARKLAND BEHIND GRIFFITH SHOPS (DPA-06)

I write to express my opposition to the rezoning of portions of Throsby Park to allow the construction of the proposed Inner South Canberra Health Centre behind the Griffith shops. The Government has proposed a Major Plan Amendment (DPA-06) to permit the rezoning of PRZ1 (Urban Open Space) zoned land to CF (Community Facility) zoning to permit this proposal to go ahead.

The Government seems unaware of why these areas were converted from their previous zoning to public parkland in 2008, and provides no justification as to why these lands should be seized and converted to CF zoning simply because it is convenient. This is not how government works. The onus is on the Government to demonstrate that the gains to the public from rezoning these parklands will outweigh the detriment to the public of this action. This is certainly not clear at present, because the excessively large “Health Centre” proposed for the site will offer little benefit to those who live close enough to the park to make use of it.

If the Government is determined to develop a “Health Centre” behind Griffith shops, it must be redesigned on a more modest scale to allow it to fit within the existing CF zoned land.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Narrabundah 2604

From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing concerning the proposed plan to build an Inner South Health Centre behind the Griffith shops.

I live around the corner on [REDACTED] in Griffith and I walk to Throsby Park with my dog 2-3 times a week.

It would be a great pity to lose the green area around the playground. No other suburbs that are not town centres have health centres built and I hope you will reconsider the need for such a facility in this location.

Thank you for reading this message.

[REDACTED]
Local resident

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The Government is disregarding why these areas were converted from their previous zoning to public parkland in 2008, and provides no justification as to why these lands should be seized and converted to CF zoning simply because it is convenient. Public consultation has been inadequate (yet again). This is not how proper government should work. The onus is on the Government to demonstrate that the gains to the public from rezoning these parklands will outweigh the detriment to the public of this action. This is certainly not clear at present, because the excessively large "Health Centre" proposed for the site will offer little benefit to those who live close enough to the parklands to make use of it. This "Health centre" will offer local residents no GP services, no nurse-led services, no radiology, no walk-in services, no after hours or weekend services, unlike Health Centres in other parts of Canberra which do provide actual health centre benefit for local residents who do walk and cycle rather than drive. Instead this white elephant "Health Centre" will increase the already pressured local traffic conditions with clearly inadequate parking in a way that is truly incompatible with a residential precinct.

Or is this proposed Health Centre really just a rubbishy Trojan horse? Especially when one considers that there are large sections of vacant/unused space better suited to this purpose in nearby retail centres of Manuka and Kingston which already have appropriate facilities that are complementary to a regional Health Centre function.

Currently "open space" in this part of Griffith/Narrabundah is measured to include the centre of roundabouts and the median & nature strips of major arterial roads! Current pedestrian and cycleway connections between the Griffith shops precinct and other sections of the inner south require people to take unreasonable risks crossing major arterial roads especially at peak times. Pedestrians and cyclists (especially school children and elderly residents) have to dodge cars and make a dash for it. Unlike the majority of other open space in the precinct the open space around Griffith shops is highly valued and

USED by the community precisely because it is actually accessible and usable open parkland. I note that the government bureaucracy appears to have been pedalling an agenda for many decades to repurpose the relatively small open space footprint bounded by Blaxland and Throsby crescents. Residents are entirely dubious that this latest rezoning proposal is not just a thin edge of yet another attempted land grab for their most valued remnant of useful open parkland. Once the Trojan horse "Health Centre" has been established, then found to provide frustratingly limited benefit for the local community with costs to the local community accruing ('parking pressures', 'need to expand' inadequately planned facilities, inadequate delivery zones for the local businesses) another chunk of our most valued remnant parkland will be grabbed.

If the Government is determined to develop a "Health Centre" behind Griffith shops, it must be redesigned on a more modest scale to allow it to fit within the existing CF zoned land.

Yours faithfully

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from rezoning these parklands will outweigh the detriment to the public of this action. This is certainly not clear at present, because the excessively large “Health Centre” proposed for the site will offer little benefit to those who live close enough to the park to make use of it.

If the Government is determined to develop a “Health Centre” behind Griffith shops, it must be redesigned on a more modest scale to allow it to fit within the existing CF zoned land.

I am concerned about the impact on our nearby streets having to provide additional parking for visitors to this centre.

I am also concerned about the future of Throsby Park and particularly on the children’s playground.

It is the only one in our area and many a child has enjoyed their time on the equipment. It was encouraging to hear back in 2022/23, that it would be developed with more appropriate equipment for a wide range of children with perhaps bike paths that would keep the very young away from the busy street.

We await the promised rectification of the water retention facility so that Throsby Park can be fully utilised.

Having the playground moved to Blaxland Park will create other issues- much larger area and therefore harder to contain the children; how will it fit in with the old school site? Why couldn’t the old Griffith school site be used for the medical centre?

Thank you for taking time to read my concerns and objections. I look forward to reading your responses,

Gratefully



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I note the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association has raised concerns about the rezoning of portions of Throsby Park to allow the construction of the proposed Inner South Canberra Health Centre behind the Griffith shops. Whilst I am in agreement with the government's general thrust on this, I am also conscious of the GNCA genuine concerns about its size and services to be offered.

My main concern is that one of the key wishes of local residents about the health centre is that it should provide a handy walk-in nurses centre. This is the sort of centre needed by residents who want easy access to troubling but not life-threatening health issues. Instead we are being offered advanced technological medical and dentistry procedures.

All this will be a burden on the taxpayers with little benefit to local residents so if the Government is determined to develop a "Health Centre" behind Griffith shops, it must be redesigned to suit local needs and be on a more modest scale to allow it to fit within the existing CF zoned land.

Yours faithfully

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