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To: [Terrplan](#)
Subject: Questions/Issues with proposed health center at Griffith shops
Date: Saturday, 6 December 2025 8:35:14 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed new medical centre at Griffith shops(Reference DA: DPA-06 ter), as I live [REDACTED] from Throsby Park.

Firstly, I am worried about the adequacy of the parking facilities. I fear that the current provisions for parking may not be sufficient, leading to patients and staff parking on neighbouring streets. Is there a way to make more car parks available to alleviate this issue?

Secondly, I am concerned about the potential loss of trees and the impact on the kids' playground. Will the playground be retained, moved, or upgraded as part of the development? It is important for the children in the community to have access to recreational spaces, and I hope that this aspect will be carefully considered.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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This is yet another example of the arrogant and autocratic planning policy of the government. The so-called dental 'Health Centre' seems a cynical response to the community's preference for a nurse-led walk-in centre that exists in other areas of Canberra. Instead, the proposal looks more like a large, private medical centre offering a range of services that many people could ill afford. If so, is the government subsidising the centre? The government had already decided to build the centre before any public consultation. Sounds familiar - a government that has a long history of ignoring the public, so comfortable in its 7th term. And, typically, the consultation period was short (only 6 weeks) but, no doubt reluctantly, has been extended to 10 December. Such a large medical centre behind the Griffith shops seems an eye sore and totally out of character of an old inner south suburb when most health centres are located in Group or Town Centres. The significant loss of parkland under the proposal is a further insult. What really riles me is the gross lack of transparency about the proposal. So many documents have NOT been released. Further, a 'Territory Priority Project' is proposed to prevent unnecessary delays. A pathetic argument to ride over the fundamental democratic right to object to a government's proposal.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](#)
Subject: DA DPA-06
Date: Monday, 8 December 2025 10:48:21 AM

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To whom it may concern,

No matter how much parking is made available at the rear of the Griffith shops, the access to this parking, and the centre itself, will always be difficult.

Throsby Crescent is a narrow street. This results in a tight 90 degree turn into the car park. This is difficult to manoeuvre and creates congestion even now.

A better option would be to co-locate the centre in the vicinity of the existing Griffith Library which has a better amenity for access to the centre and parking. The current tenants on this site could be upgraded in the development.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref. DPA-06 - opposition to the Rezoning & Development of Throsby Park
Date: Monday, 8 December 2025 3:26:15 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been living [REDACTED] for the past 11 years.

We wish to express our opposition to the Rezoning & Development of Throsby Park for numerous reasons.

Please confirm receiving this email?

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to rezoning for development of the Griffith Health Centre
Date: Monday, 8 December 2025 11:53:04 PM

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Hi.

I would like to voice my concerns about the rezoning of land in Throsby Park, Griffith (DPA-06) to enable the building of the Griffith Health Centre.

The rezoning of areas currently designated as open space (PR21) and recreation (PR22) is a concern to people, like me, who currently utilize the park and the Griffith shops because:

1. the development will build over a significant section of the existing green area, diminishing the land available for recreation by families, children and dog walkers in an area of increasing population and urban density.
- 2 carparking for users of the local shops and restaurants, already in high demand, will be cut substantially. This is detrimental to local small businesses and local citizens.

I am also concerned about very poor communication from the ACT government about this development. My understanding is that community consultation held at the Griffith shops some time ago indicated that the government was planning to build a moderately sized walk in centre, making this community service available in the inner south.

The development has now morphed into a major health centre, without a walk in clinic, substantially reducing benefits to the local community. This change has not been communicated locally and no further consultation has been carried out.

It's also not clear whether this will be a centre for private or public health services. If services are private, this is a completely inappropriate use of (currently) public space. There are more than adequate facilities for private health providers in Deakin, a 10 minute drive away.

I look forward to the ACT government addressing these concerns and reconsidering the location, size and scope of this project.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [terrplan](mailto:terrplan@act.gov.au)
Subject: Fwd: DPA-06 - Proposed Rezoning of Throsby Park
Date: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 12:44:48 PM
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Dear ACT Government

Further to our submission (below) opposing the proposed rezoning of Throsby Park, Griffith ACT, I enclose a photo of my mother, [REDACTED] a resident of BaptistCare Griffith, who walks Throsby Park's perimeter every morning and evening with one or more family members.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 12:39 PM
Subject: DPA-06 - Proposed Rezoning of Throsby Park
To: <terrplan@act.gov.au>

Dear ACT government

I am writing on behalf of my mother [REDACTED] - see pic below) and the 160 other residents of BaptistCare Griffith, to protest the proposed rezoning of Throsby Park.

This little park, adjacent to the aged care home, is well loved by the residents and staff, who can be seen at all hours of the early morning, day and evening - walking the park's perimeter and sitting in the shade to enjoy the park's many natural amenities - trees, grasses, birdlife, possums, and rabbits, as well as delighting in watching children and their extended families playing in the park.

Much has been done in recent years to redevelop the Park for locals to enjoy, with many varieties of trees and shrubs now well established and native birds increasingly frequenting the area. We feel it would be irresponsible if the site were to be rezoned whilst there is a demonstrable need in the suburb for green spaces such as Throsby Park. This park is a tremendous boon for local's mental health, but in particular the health of the elderly living at BaptistCare. Looking out at the park helps many to forget their physical frailties and helps reduce their intake of medications for pain relief.

We understand the ACT Government's need to find more inner city areas to rezone for housing, but we would also ask that consideration also be given to the age of local residents and their need for beautiful natural spaces to enjoy.

[REDACTED] and the many other residents of BaptistCare Griffith.
[REDACTED]

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Dear Territory Planning Authority

REZONING OF PARKLAND BEHIND GRIFFITH SHOPS (DPA-06)

We write to express our 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 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 park to make use of it. In particular because the government is taking no notice of the fact that most people have asked that a nurse led walk in centre be included

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. Also it must include the facility of a nurses walk in centre

Yours faithfully



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; gnc@info.org.au
Subject: Public Consultation - Proposed Griffith Health Centre - DPA-06
Date: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 9:37:14 AM

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Dear Chief Planner and Delegates,

As a resident of Griffith, may I ask you to take into account the below comments in relation to the planning and consultation process for the proposed new Griffith Health Centre, Throsby Park, Griffith.

1. The supporting report for DPA-06 is meant to show "how the proposed amendment would be consistent or inconsistent with relevant planning outcomes contained in other government strategies and policies". The Draft major Plan AMendment to the Territory Plan 06 (October 2025) states that the "proposal is consistent with the Inner South District Strategy". The Inner South District Strategy includes objectives such as:

- Support expansion of west Deakin as an employment hub, building on existing health specialisation and proximity to future light rail.
- The Government will deliver the new Inner South Health Centre by the middle of the decade, increasing the availability of accessible public health care in the district.

Griffith is not part of the future light rail strategy, and is not well connected by public transport, and is not linked at all to west Deakin.

According to the SpaceLab report, the proposed Griffith Health centre is intended to offer

ACT Pathology collection services

- Chronic Disease Management – Consult and Treatment Rooms
- Nursing
- Podiatry
- Nutrition
- Physiotherapy
- Rapid access clinics

Dental services

- Dental chairs
- Special need dental chair
- Bariatric dental chair
- Dental laboratory

BreastScreen ACT

Various multidisciplinary group exercise and education programs, which may include cardiac, heart failure and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

Which of these services will be "public health services" offering bulk-billed and Medicare-based healthcare and walk-in services? To whom will the services be "accessible" if there

are no reliable public transport options?

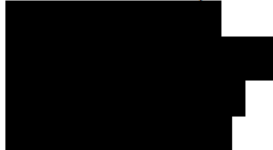
The supporting report does not discuss the modelling from which demand for the Centre is presumably based. The Traffic Study states that "The proposal will remove the existing 56-space car park on the site and construct a new car park with capacity for 119 spaces, which is a net addition of 63 spaces." Assuming half of these will be needed for Centre staff, that leaves only around 30 new spaces for a facility that is intended to provide the above array of services on a footprint of over 1200m².

The proposal significantly impacts public open space in the area, and by extension, has a bearing on stormwater management. It removes a number of trees, but there is no mention of the environmental impact, new plantings or new public space or facilities to maintain or improve stormwater detention. According to the SpaceLab report, the Pre-application process considered these matters and concludes: "The preferred option from the PSP is considered the best option for provision of contemporary healthcare models and pathways, while having a positive impact on the amenity of the local suburb of Griffith. The builtform will nestle in the landscaped setting, while parking and traffic consideration has demonstrated that there will not be an adverse impact on local residents". But only the parking study has been released in the Background Papers.

The Consultation Listening Report speaks for itself on the choice of location, the preferred type of health services residents would like to have, the impact on traffic and parking and the loss of public open space. How does the Territory justify the proposal in the light of the feedback received, and what decisions have been made and will be made in response?

I request that the Territory Planning Authority release the full suite of background studies for this proposal, including the rationale behind the initial limited options of Manuka Section 41 and Throsby Park, and full site options analysis, and pay proper attention to community sentiment expressed in the online survey of August 2024 in which residents and stakeholders have made their views very plain.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Rezoning of parkland behind Griffith shops (DPA-06)
Date: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 1:28:41 PM
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10 December 2025

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Terrplan](mailto:terrplan@act.gov.au)
Subject: Subject: Inner South Health Centre - objection to rezoning
Date: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 1:29:08 PM

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