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Ms Patricia McGinn

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Dear Ms McGinn

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2017 requesting a playground at Waramanga shops. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

While there are no existing plans or funding for a playground in this location, the level of community engagement and interest warrants further investigation. I have been informed that representatives from the Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Directorate recently met with you and Mr Daniel and Mrs Elizabeth Hoyt on site to discuss the proposal. At this meeting, a number of matters were discussed, including how the Government determines its priorities for investing in playgrounds, the likely costs and possible funding sources for the project, whether a nature play or a conventional playground would be most appropriate and the next steps for Mrs Hoyt in seeking wider community and other support.

TCCS staff also undertook to investigate the site to determine any major underground utilities or other significant barriers to use of the site and to provide Mrs Hoyt with this and other relevant information to assist her in progressing the proposal.

I note that the playground proposal will be discussed at the next Weston Creek Community Council meeting. The public advocacy video and petition demonstrate the strong community spirit in the Weston Creek region and I hope that support for the proposed playground continues.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Fitzharris'.

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