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Mr Tom Duncan Clerk ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2021 regarding petition 12-21, lodged by Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA. The petition seeks a public toilet facility at the Hackett shops.

The ACT Government is currently responsible for the management of 134 public toilets across the Territory. These toilets are located in various high use settings, including town and district parks, nature reserves, large shopping centre precincts (such as group and town centres) and sports grounds where private facilities are not available. These sites are intended to support a broad catchment area and support extended visitation.

While some local shopping centres have public toilets as a legacy of past policies, public toilets in local shopping centres are generally provided by the asset owner as a part of the initial development or subsequent upgrades. In addition, private business owners may provide toilets as a service to their customers.

The ACT Municipal Infrastructure Standards provides further information regarding the provision of public toilets. At this stage there are no immediate plans to construct a new public toilet facility at the Hackett local shops however, this site-specific request for a toilet facility has been passed onto Transport Canberra and City Services for consideration.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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