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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 2 April 2020 regarding petition No 3-20 lodged by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA suggesting improvements to the number of parking spaces and street lighting in the vicinity of the Narrabundah local shopping precinct.

The ACT Territory Plan identifies the objectives of local shopping centres as to provide convenient shopping and services to meet the daily needs of their local communities. Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) manages 90 shopping precinct areas across the ACT, which includes 66 local shopping precinct areas, 19 Group Centres, four Town Centres and Civic.

I am pleased to advise that TCCS has investigated the concerns raised in the petition. In relation to parking availability, a consultation letter with a proposal to change the time limit for parking on Iluka Street (adjacent to the shops) from one hour to 30 minutes to enable higher turnover in the parking bays and reduce long stay parking was sent in January 2020. The consultation outcome indicated that the community is in favour of short-term parking in front of the shops to improve customer churn with other parking restrictions to remain unchanged.

The above-mentioned changes to the parking time limits on Iluka Street will be changed with an expected completion date of July 2020. I have also asked Parking Operations to patrol the area more frequently and enforce parking restrictions more regularly. These changes are expected to improve parking availability in the area. An additional allocation of parking facilities would require significant infrastructure modifications and would result in the loss of trees and green areas.

TCCS have also inspected the public lighting in the area. In general, the TCCS inspection identified public lighting provision in the area to be sufficient, however, it was noted that one of the lights at the pedestrian crossing on Iluka Street was defective. A subsequent investigation determined that the fault was within the luminaire, and a new replacement luminaire has been installed. In addition to the repair the lighting on both pedestrian crossings on Iluka street have now been upgraded.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely
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