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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter dated 22 June 2021 regarding petition 7-21, lodged by Ms Suzanne Orr MLA. The petition requests the installation of a water bubbler at the Bonner Oval as part of the August 2021 budget and to prioritise other amenities at Bonner Oval where possible.

The ACT Government places a high emphasis on ensuring that investment in public infrastructure is planned and delivered according to need and balanced against other priorities. We welcome suggestions and correspondence from the community highlighting priorities that they see in their local areas that would benefit their community.

The government has invested in sporting infrastructure in the growing Gungahlin region including the Taylor Neighbourhood oval, lighting at the Amaroo playing fields, the community recreation park in Moncrieff, and the refurbished Nicolls synthetic playing fields.

The ACT Government is committed to supporting sporting participation and ensuring the community has access to fit for purpose sporting facilities. To this end, the government has committed to a program of works benefiting sports in the ACT over the next four years. Funding has been allocated to irrigation upgrades at Amaroo and cricket facilities at Taylor and a new football facility at Throsby.

In relation to the request for the installation of a water bubbler at Bonner Oval, I am pleased to report that the installation of a bubbler is scheduled. The timing of this installation will be contingent on the impacts of the current COVID-19 lockdown on resources and materials. The

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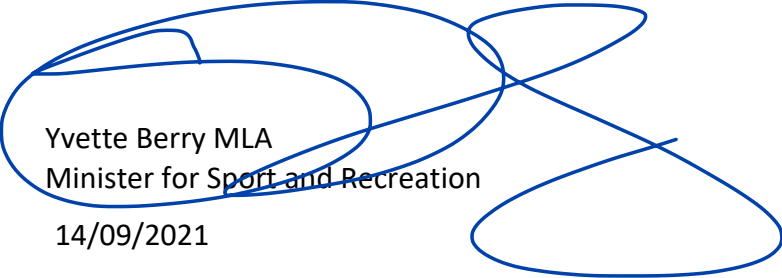


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bubbler will complement existing facilities including the recent installation of LED sportsground lighting. The petitioners' call for prioritisation of other facilities at Bonner has been noted and TCCS Sport and Recreation Facilities will continue to work with sporting communities and peak bodies to identify priorities for further upgrades.

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

Yours sincerely



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