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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 30 July 2019 regarding petition number 14-19 lodged by Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA regarding a destination recreation park for the inner north.

The ACT Government is aware of a growing community demand for better playground facilities in established suburbs, particularly adjacent to local shops. The current approach to the provision and management of established playgrounds is being reviewed by Transport Canberra and City Services.

Community views and priorities for city services in general and play spaces in particular have been informed by the outcomes of the "Better Suburbs" deliberative democracy initiative. This initiative featured a four-day Citizens' Forum that produced a Better Suburbs Statement which is available on the www.yoursay.act.gov.au website. The related Play Spaces Forum resulted in funding of \$1.9m being allocated by community representatives to a range of playground related upgrades and improvements across the city. This included the funding of a new Nature Play Space at Glebe Park.

A nature play area has also been built within Haig Park. There are also additional activities and equipment located in Garema Place. Further information about these installation and activities can be found at <https://www.act.gov.au/cityrenewal/whats-on>.

In addition, the Boundless destination playground is located on the Lake Burley Griffin foreshore near the National Carillon and offers a wealth of activities and inclusive equipment for children's play.

I appreciate the input and the effort the residents have made in providing evidence to support the petition.

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

Yours sincerely

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