

ACT Equality Party Commitments for Gungahlin



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Aged Services and Facilities

- We will work to ensure:
 - That the aged sector is provided with a “one-stop” information facility that will assist with both Territorial and Commonwealth entitlements.
 - Reform of planning processes to ensure that aged person sites are allocated and developed in a timely manner
 - Concessions for non-profit & charitable providers
 - Facilities are provided in all town centres, and group centres and major pedestrian routes that are aged person friendly.
- We will propose legislation to ensure:
 - Introduction of new planning regulations to ensure that all government and commercial premises are made fully accessible



Public Transport - Bus Service & Light Rail

- We work to ensure:
 - The introduction of Park and Ride Facilities for all areas of Canberra where currently lacking
 - Introduction and trialling of new and innovative public transport initiatives such as:
 - On demand Door-to-door services
 - Effective off peak and after hours services
 - A proper study weighing up the merits of bus, light rail and alternative technologies undertaking a proper triple bottom line assessment - including environmental impact, TCO and ROI
 - We will support immediate implementation the solution that gives the best overall result.



Child Care Facilities

- We will work to ensure:
 - The provision of childcare facilities is delivered in a timely manner in line with actual demand
 - Facilities are provided in a manner where the community has been properly consulted about requirements, needs and trends.
 - Government built facilities should be run by community or non-profit groups and allow multipurpose use.
- We will propose legislation:
 - To mandate that all office facilities over a particular size provide either in-house child care facilities or a contribution to a local government built facility.
 - This will facilitate salary packaging of childcare, and promote increased productivity from working parents with young children



Children's and Youths Services & Facilities

- We will work to ensure:
 - That adolescents are catered for with a range of recreation facilities in all suburbs such as the “Rage Cage”



- That all group centres have appropriate and accessible facilities to allow Youth to congregate and participate
 - This will facilitate the concept of local music at an early age
- All outdoor facilities have appropriate shading facilities, or lighting where the facilities can be used at night

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What is Community Consultation?



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Community Consultation

- We will propose legislation:
 - To enshrine consistent, quality, open, and transparent consultation and appeal rights in all appropriate government and planning processes.
 - Ensuring that appropriate information is accessible and understandable
 - Ensuring that consultation does not commence with predetermined outcomes
 - Ensuring that the government does not inappropriately use its resources (especially legal in the AAT)
 - To remove individual ministerial call-in powers and replace such a process for significant matters with a majority vote of the Legislative Assembly



Community & Sporting Facilities

- We will work to ensure
 - That each town centre is recognised with a development of a building that can be used as a place of assembly, for showcasing arts and other exhibitions - a town hall
 - That the ACT Government honours its commitments to provide facilities where needed and otherwise identified.
 - That any sporting facilities built in the Gungahlin Town Centre are befitting of an ultimate population of 80,000-100,000 residents.
 - We will not accept anything less than an Olympic size pool
 - We will ensure that what is delivered can be delivered in a phased manner as Gungahlin grows



Education

- We will work to ensure:
 - Additional funding is provided where needed on a genuine needs basis
 - That Gungahlin is provided with local facilities for Year 11 and Year 12 students as a matter of priority
 - these facilities could be provided as an extension of an existing high school

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Electoral Boundaries

- We will propose legislation:
 - That ensures that no district is split across electoral boundaries

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Employment

- We will work to ensure:
 - That Gungahlin/Mitchell is provided with an appropriate office employment base from the ACT Government without poaching from other town centres
 - That the Federal Government is lobbied to locate a significant agency or department in Gungahlin or Mitchell
 - The ACT Government recognises Gungahlin/Mitchell as a disadvantaged area and provides incentives to attract significant employment opportunity to the area
 - Uncontrolled employment growth at the airport is not allowed to continue.
 - That zoning for the two remaining town centre anchors blocks is altered to allow 50-75% of the space allocated to above ground floor residential be rezoned for office based employment



Gungahlin Town Centre Issues

- We will work to ensure:
 - The ACT Government looks at options such as a shopfront and other alternatives instead of ground floor residential fronting the town centre common
 - The community is appropriately consulted on the design, functionality and development of the common and town square
 - The ACT Government provides a rolling town centre plans for the 5, 10, 15 year periods
 - Detailed emphasis on the years 1 through 5 that will map out the actual development timelines



Medical Services and Facilities

- We will work to ensure:
 - That all town centres are provided with Government run accessible 24/7 GP medical facilities
 - Returning the concept of regional “Government Health Centres” as a single “one-stop” shop for non surgical medical issues.
 - Providing bulk billed, accessible access to GP’s for all residents.
 - That our hospital system is provided with more beds, more doctors and more nursing staff to reduce the incidence of bed blocking.



Planning and Development

- We will work to ensure:
 - That Gungahlin is developed against a holistic plan to which there are clearly articulated triggers and timescales for the implementation of various components
 - That Gungahlin is developed in harmony with the existing natural environment
 - Ensuring an effective and usable open space network
 - Preserving where possible the existing environment
 - Infrastructure planning and deployment (telecommunications, roads etc) are delivered to “ultimate levels” at the earliest stages
 - Environmentally responsible development aspects are considered mandatory for all new development
 - Introduction of a minimum “points” system for all new dwellings



Police Services

- We will work to ensure:
 - The Territory increases its police force numbers
 - Providing 24/7 manned police stations in all town centres
 - Providing effective community policing and patrols



Roads and Transport Infrastructure

- We will work to ensure:
 - That all roads are built to ultimate capacity (or allow for expansion to ultimate capacity with minimal adjustment) in the first instance
 - Horse Park Drive should be extended to the Barton highway
 - That the Gungahlin Drive Extension is built as a dual carriageway (4 lanes immediately)
 - That the Barton highway roundabout is upgraded to a grade separated intersection and Gundaroo Drive/William Slim Drive (in Belconnen) are duplicated as a matter of urgency
 - That the Monash Drive Transport Corridor is not removed from the Territory / National Capital until comprehensively determined as no longer required.



Community Involvement

- We commit to:
 - Attending all significant (public) community organisation meetings either in person (or by office staff proxy when physically unable to attend due to the Assembly sitting)
 - Allocating time on a regular basis for “regional clinics” or “open days” to be available to our constituents in their own Town Centres and areas.
 - Being genuinely accessible and responsive to ALL our constituents



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