

Mr Mick Gentleman Manager of Government Business Minister for Planning and Land Management ACT Legislative Assembly GPO Box 1020, Canberra, ACT 2601

6 October 2021

Dear Minister Gentleman,

## **Delay to the Molonglo Commercial Centre**

We are writing to you regarding the two-year delay to the first commercial land release of the Molonglo Commercial Centre, as revealed in today's ACT Budget papers.

At the 2020 Territory Election, ACT Labor made an explicit commitment to "fast track" the Molonglo Commercial Centre (see <u>Attachment A</u>). Based on the latest available indicative land release program (2019-20 to 2022-23) this would have entailed releasing the first piece of land in 2021-22. This timeline is consistent with your letter to the Molonglo Valley Community Forum in April 2021 (see <u>Attachment B</u>).

We would sincerely appreciate your urgent clarification as to why this land release has been delayed to 2023-24, as detailed in the Indicative Land Release Program (2021-22 to 2025-26) released today as part of the 2021 ACT Budget.

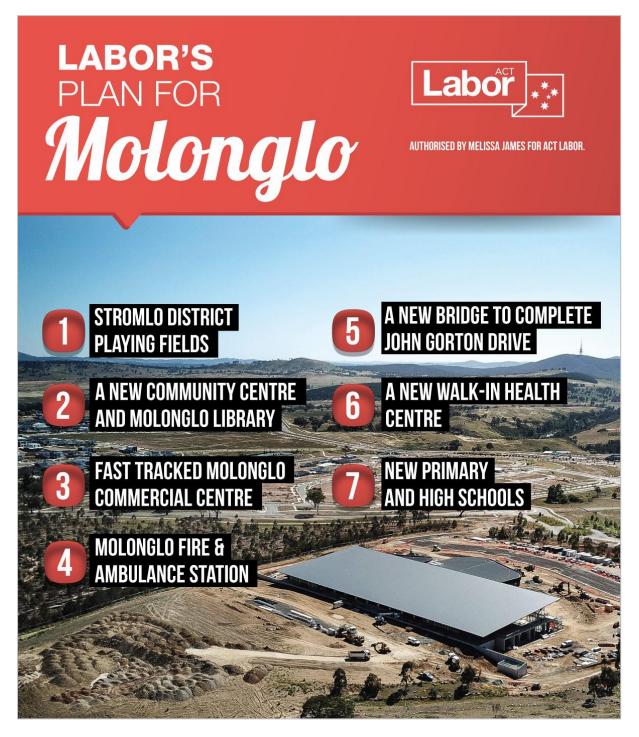
Yours sincerely,

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**Attachment A** 





## Attachment B



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Member for Brindabella

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Mr Ryan Hemsley Interim Spokesperson Molonglo Valley Community Forum info@mvcommunityforum.org.au

Dear Mr Hemsley

Thank you for your letters of 30 March 2021 about the Coombs peninsula and the Molonglo commercial centre. I also note that we met in person on Thursday 15 April 2021 and also discussed the items in your correspondence.

The Coombs peninsula has undergone extensive environmental assessment. These showed that the area had low environmental value due to its past use as a commercial pine plantation. This made the area not suitable for inclusion into the adjacent Molonglo River Reserve.

For the final zoning of the peninsula to be determined in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, a development application for an estate development plan is required to be lodged with the independent planning and land authority. No application has been lodged at this time.

The area also does not appear on the Indicative Land Release Program associated with the 2020-21 Budget. The future of the area may be considered further as part of the next ACT Budget and the new Indicative Land Release Program.

Block 3, Section 17 Coombs is the final Community Facility Site to be released in Coombs. The release timing for the site is currently being considered as part of the development of the 2021-22 ACT Government Indicative Land Release Program.

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