Robert Yallop
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Village of Hall and District Progress Association
By email: robert.yallop.care@gmail.com

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Dear Mr Yallop, Robert

Thank you for taking the time to write to ALP Members on behalf of the Hall Progress Society seeking election commitments on matters important to Hall Residents. I shall be providing a response on behalf of the ACT ALP.

ACT Labor acknowledges Hall is an important community and thanks the Hall Progress Society for their continued stewardship of Halls' unique heritage and place in our city. ACT Labor if re-elected will continue to work with the Hall Progress Society in good faith on current as well as any future matters. Regarding the specific matters raised in your letter please see the responses below.

 Provide the Hall Progress Association with ongoing security of "peppercorn" lease tenure of the former Hall School site and the Hall Pavilion;

I understand the current lease expired in June 2023. A large number of community peppercorn leases expired in June 2023, which has meant a slight delay in processing all the legal and commercial requirements to issue a new lease for all tenants. The ACT Government intends to issue the Progress Association a new peppercorn lease once these processes have concluded. The relevant Ministers office has asked that ACT Property Group make contact with the Association to discuss this further. This matter should be resolved prior to the election.



• Complete comprehensive storm water infrastructure works as agreed with the Hall Progress Association and community stakeholders;

I understand that representatives from Transport Canberra and City Service met with representatives of Hall Progress Society to discuss these matters and that design for these works is being considered. I also understand there is a follow up meeting in early August to again discuss the stormwater works. ACT Labor if re-elected will continue to work with the Hall Progress Society to progress these matters.

• Establish a sealed safe cycle and pedestrian path to Hall Village from Clarrie Hermes Drive beside Victoria Street;

I understand a feasibility study into the construction of a new shared path at this location has been funded with any proposed construction works subject to future budgetary processes. ACT Labor if re-elected will continue to work with the Hall Progress Society to progress the establishment the path.

 Undertake thorough assessment of the intersection of the Barton Highway with Gladstone Street and Wallaroo Road considering all safety factors including line-of sight of approaching traffic, speed of traffic, width of islands, signage, signals and any other relevant factors affecting safety;

ACT Labor if re-elected would consider these works in conjunction with the Federal Government as part of any future Barton Highway works.

 Full implementation by the ACT government of the Adventure Trail and Natural Play Space Gladstone Street Hall Design (TCCS November 2019), Bush Tucker Garden and installation of "all abilities" playground equipment.

ACT Labor if re-elected will consider the works subject to competing priorities and future budgetary processes.



Thank you again for seeking the views of ACT Labor regarding matters of importance to the Hall Community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss anything raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact my office by email; ORR@act.gov.au or over the phone; 02 6205 1439.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Orr MLA

Member for Yerrabi

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