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Rebecca
Dear Ms Schouller

Thank you for your email of 15 June 2015 about the future of Telopea Park. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I too welcomed the discussion about the future options to rejuvenate Telopea Park including reconsideration of the way stormwater is managed, options for naturalising the playground in line with a more holistic approach to the park management and tree renewal.

I have sought information from the Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) Directorate who manages and maintains the park on the matters you have raised. TAMS acknowledges your ideas have considerable merit but note that unfortunately at this stage, there are no plans in the 2015-16 budget to undertake major infrastructure work in the park.

I have requested that your ideas be added to the list of works to be assessed against other competing funding priorities as part of future budget processes.

With respect to the Telopea Park playground specifically, TAMS advises that the most recent assessment of the play equipment indicates it is safe and fit for purpose and as such there are no immediate plans to upgrade it. As noted however, upgrades to the whole park will be considered in future funding bids.

TAMS has commenced a strategic review of Canberra's urban forest to develop a plan to manage the trees into the future. The renewal of trees in Telopea Park will be considered as part of this review.

I am however advised that some replacement tree planting will be undertaken along the verges of the northern and southern carriageways of Telopea Park as part of the 2015 winter tree planting activities and several Cedar trees which were in decline have been removed and will also be replaced this year.

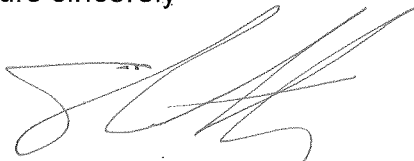
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Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust that the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Rattenbury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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