

# Election promises

A CANBERRA community council is calling on the ACT government to move quickly to implement key election promises.

Inner South Canberra Community Council president Gary Kent also expressed concern that a number of election promises had not been included in the parliamentary agreement document between the Greens and the Australian Labor Party.

"We are disappointed that neither the agreement nor the attached ALP policy program refers to specific election commitments to improve Canberra's adversarial and often ineffective planning system which, coupled with expensive and inequitable appeal mechanisms, continually produces poor outcomes," Mr Kent said.

"We were disappointed that we'd made a lot of effort to communicate to the parties our concerns about the planning system in Canberra – we didn't think any of that was reflected in the Agreement."

Chief Minister Katy Gallagher said the government had not forgotten

promises made in the lead up to the election.

"The parliamentary agreement reached between the government and Mr Rattenbury includes two appendices, one of which summarises key government policies for implementation over the next four years. It is not an exhaustive list of what will be progressed over the next four years," she said.

"The government has every intention of delivering on its election promises. There has been no change in the government's intention to deliver on its election promises including policies relating to planning."

Mr Kent said members of the community council committee had hoped to see commitments in the agreement to reinvigorate the Planning and Development Forum and design competitions for major developments to be constructed on land owned by the ACT government.

The community council is calling on the government for early implementation on promises made in the lead up to the election.

"They include measures to improve enforcement of building regulations and more funding for more community involvement in planning policy," Mr Kent said.

"The community really should be on level footing with developers and those proposing these developments."

Mr Kent said the council would be seeking an early meeting with relevant ministers and the Opposition to press its case on behalf of local residents.

"It also became clear during the election that the major parties took the inner south for granted and focused new spending and policy initiatives on other parts of Canberra," he said.

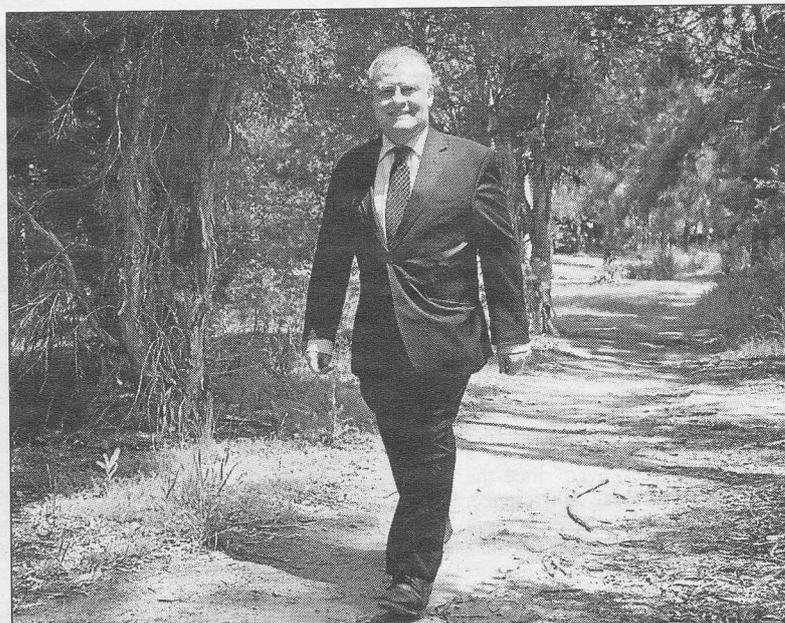
"The needs of the inner south will be the focus of a series of ISCCC submissions to members of the Assembly in coming months."

■ The Inner South Canberra Community Council's annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at the Eastlakes Club in Griffith from 7pm.

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Inner South Canberra Community Council president Gary Kent.

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