

MANUKA OVAL PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

Residents' groups demand transparency

By Georgina Connery

In a bid to get ahead of the ACT government's redevelopment vision for the Manuka Oval Precinct, south side residents' groups have made a freedom of information request to gather detail on the plan.

Inner South Combined Community Council chair Gary Kent said after being taken by surprise during the MOCCA land swap debacle earlier

this year, residents' groups would implore the government to be upfront.

"We fear things are going to pop out of the system like they did with the land swap," he said.

"We don't want surprises we want to be consulted."

Mr Kent said information provided through the request revealed the government had hired consultants and appeared to be advancing a plan for the zone.

The ISCCC, the Kingston Barton Residents Group and Griffith Narrabundah Community Association plan to write a letter appealing to the chief minister to come clean.

"It will be a fairly tough letter to Andrew Barr," Mr Kent said.

"We don't want to hear about things by putting in an FOI request, we want to hear it upfront. If they have a vision for the Manuka Circle area we want to know what they're thinking."



ISCCC chairman Gary Kent said the council wanted the government to be upfront.