

Ms Marea Fatseas
 Chair, Inner South Canberra Community Council
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Dear Ms Fatseas

Thank you for your email and letter of 4 June 2020 regarding shovel ready works in the Inner South. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

City Services has engaged contractors to spread mulch around mature trees across Canberra. In the inner north and south, mulch is being spread on City Hill, Corroboree Park, Favenc Circle, Collins Park, the cloverleaf on Commonwealth Avenue, Ainslie Avenue and Limestone Avenue to help reduce weeds and improve the soil's water retention.

Planting activities were significantly increased at short notice this year to provide stimulus to local businesses and planting locations were linked to the availability of suitable species. Priority for planting was given to areas with low urban canopy cover, areas where the canopy is at risk of decline with the ageing of existing trees and filling gaps in the existing tree canopy cover in suburbs which are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The planting numbers for suburbs in the inner north and inner south are:

Inner South	Trees	Inner North	Trees	CRA	Trees
Yarralumla	41	Braddon	22	City	15
Deakin	17	Ainslie	19	Dickson	36
Red Hill	10	Braddon	9	Lyneham	15
Forest	6	Campbell	45	O'Connor	3
Barton	1	City	3	Turner	50
Kingston	10	Dickson	33	Total	141
Griffith	27	Downer	18		
Narrabundah	25	Hackett	35		
Total	137	Lyneham	8		
		O'Connor	17		
		Turner	5		
		Watson	53		
		Total	245		

This season's planting in the inner north and south amounted to 523 new trees including the collaborative program with the City Renewal Authority to increase tree numbers in the City and Dickson areas.

The ACT Government will plant 25,000 new trees across the city by 2023. The ACT Government has released an interactive map to help people identify potential tree planting sites across the city. If you have noticed other locations in need of more tree plantings, please visit the Your Say website at www.yoursay.act.gov.au/trees-act/tree-planting-across-cbr

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for City Services

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