

Inner South Canberra Community Council

By President, Gary Kent

LIKE most organisations across the ACT, the Inner South Canberra Community Council is waiting with bated breath for the outcome of the recent Assembly elections. We look forward to working with the new government and opposition parties in progressing our objectives on behalf of the community.

We have kept a record of all party commitments during the election and will be seeking to ensure they remain uppermost in the minds of our newly-elected legislators.

Key among these are commitments relating to planning, public transport, heritage matters, local infrastructure, rates and community consultation. All of these issues were aired by local residents at the ISCCC's very well attended Molonglo candidates' forum held on October 11. Candidates would have been left in no doubt about the strength of community feeling and we hope that this translates into early

action once the new parliament convenes. In terms of planning, the Combined Community Councils of Canberra held a very successful pre-election planning forum just prior to the election. Both the Greens and the ALP spokespersons attended the forum and made a number of welcome commitments, including (by the ALP) design competitions for major developments to be built on land released by the ACT government and reinvigoration of the Planning and Development Forum and (by the Greens) funding to support better regulation and enforcement of building quality in the ACT and for greater community input into planning and development policy.

Finally, I invite you to attend the Annual General meeting of the ISCCC to be held at 7pm on Tuesday, November 27, at the Eastlake Club in Griffith. Please consider putting yourself forward for election to our Committee if you want to play an active role in working for the betterment of your community. You will find further details on our website www.isccc.org.au