



Inner South Canberra Community Council

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DA 201732582 14 MANUKA CIRCLE GRIFITH

REPRESENTATION

1. This submission concerns the former Canberra Services Club (CSC) site adjacent to Canberra Avenue. The submission is made on behalf of the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC). The ISCCC consists of eight active community organisations in the Inner South including the Kingston Barton Residents Group (KBRG) and the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA).
2. The Canberra Services Club has been an integral part of the Inner South since it first opened its doors in March 1941. The club became a place of refuge for returned service men and women. And, members of our community organisations have played active roles in the life of the club over many years.
3. The inner south is the now the most densified area in Canberra. Thus, the need for community facilities is now more important than ever. This particular site - the subject of this DA - with its rich social history is an asset belonging to the Canberra community as a whole.

1941 The Lady Gowrie Services Club, Manuka
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4. In 2011 the original club premises burnt to the ground. In 2015, the heritage overlay was removed. Then, in April 2018, the reconstituted Canberra Services Club (CSC) lodged DA201732582 to deconcessionalise the existing lease. This is a legacy case and the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (PDA) applies. Div. 9.4.2 of the PDA that governed concessional leases is now repealed.¹

5. The ISCCC has regard to the decision of the ACT Supreme Court in *Canberra Services Club v Minister for Planning and Land Development* [2022] ACTSC 5 (CSC) on the deconcessionalisation of the lease.

6. The ISCCC supports the submissions of its member groups, the Kingston Barton Residents' Group (KBRG) and the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (GNCA). The ISCCC notes, also, the comprehensive submission of the Friends of Manuka Pool (FoMP).

7. In conclusion, the ISCCC expects to be informed of the outcome of DA 201732582. Furthermore, the ISCCC anticipates being formally included in any further discussions regarding the future of the Services Club site.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ The *Planning Act 2023* Div 10.5.3 now applies.