

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
Subject: RE: Reference No [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 31 August 2012 4:45:33 PM

Brian

Thanks for the reply. Perhaps we can co-exist on the site anyway

[REDACTED]

From: Ashcroft, Brian [mailto:Brian.Ashcroft@act.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2012 5:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Canberra Connect
Subject: Reference No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your interest in this matter. It is unfortunate that the informal 'group' (but do not have a name as such) who fly the model planes were not known to us. They have no hiring or other arrangement and were therefore not included in any consultation. I have since negotiated with them three alternate landing strips which they are happy with.

The ACT Model Car Club was given permission to erect a low fence around the area that they hold the licence over - this does not preclude public access but greatly assists them in managing their use.

Regards, Brian

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Transcription of Voice Message**Sent: Wed 05/09/2012 1:40 PM****You received a voice mail from Gibb, Timothy at 75490**

Caller-Id: [75490](#)
Job Title: Environment Protection Officer
Work: [\(02\) 6207 2424](#)
E-mail: Timothy.Gibb@act.gov.au

MESSAGE: Hi Brian, it's Tim from Environment Protection Authority, can you give me a call back on 75490, it's just in relation to the remote control car track in Kambah. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up on Kambah 3 discussions [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 11:08:38 AM

UNCLASSIFIED

[Thanks Brian, I'll look into this..](#)

From: Ashcroft, Brian [mailto:Brian.Ashcroft@act.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 10:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow up on Kambah 3 discussions [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED]

I looked at the options available and Weston Oval looks to have the most potential. There are others in the region that you could look at including Lyons, and Chifley. Others such as Torrens are earmarked for restoration and will have high use by sports and some such as Holder seem a bit out of the way. Calwell Neighbourhood does not have a wicket (landing strip), Richardson is next to the shops and Chisholm Neighbourhood is very small. Gilmore is an option but Theodore has not wicket.

I have not looked at the northside but as a starting point you can consider those above.

Cheers, Brian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 10:40 AM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: Follow up on Kambah 3 discussions [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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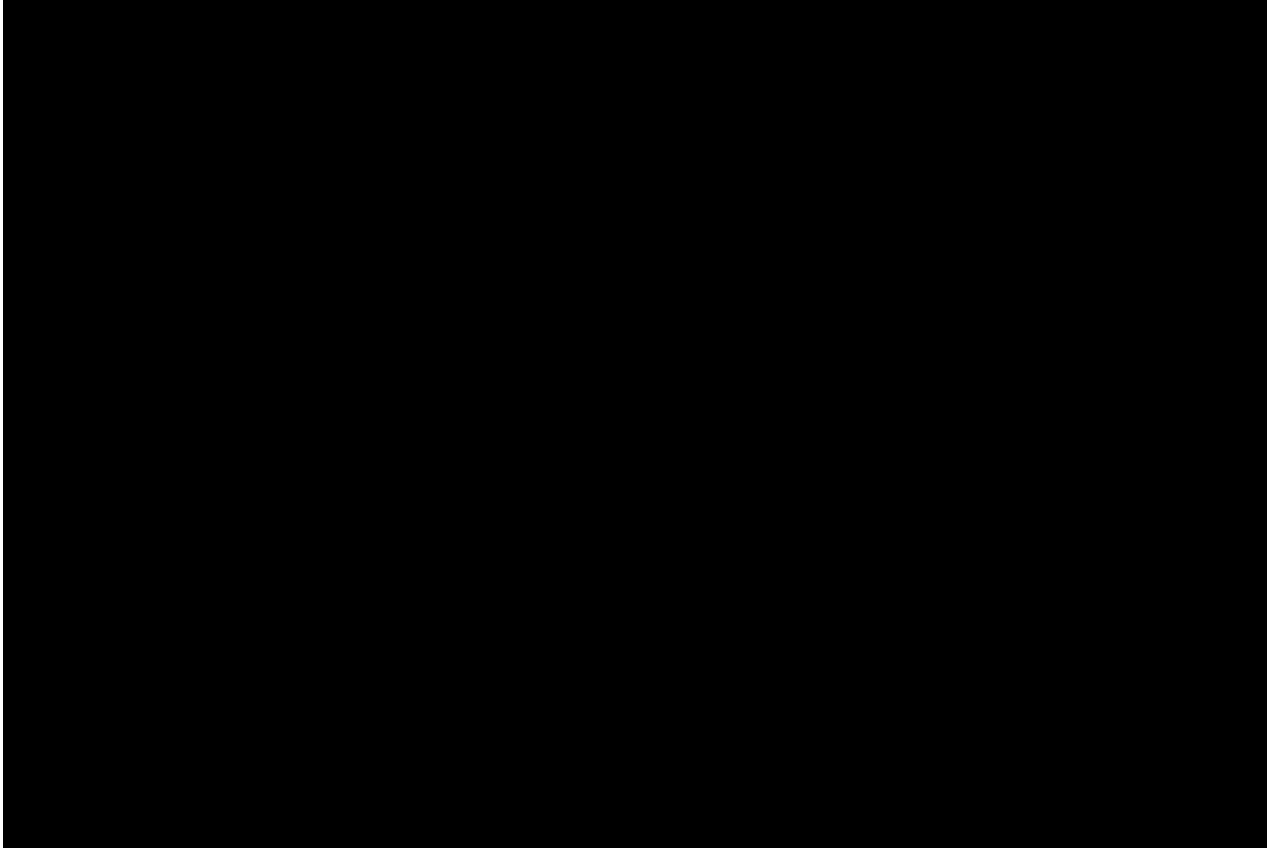
Brian,

As a follow up to our discussions on the phone two weeks ago, is it possible to guide me to the list of unused ovals that we discussed regarding park flying aircraft?

Further to that I understand that there has been a "race meeting" at the Kambah site last week and there was suggestions that the noise level was a concern?

I do thank you for taking the time to call me and I hope that we might find a solution that suits us.

Regards



Subject: RE: Kambah Oval Enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks Brian,

For initial ideas I have marked 3 possible sites and have included a bit of info in relation to each site that I think might be relevant. The 25mm limit would be fine, most of these sites I believe are out in the 150mm areas but due to the nature of grass and the time of year its not that long.

Green

From a safety perspective this site would be ideal as it is away from the Little Athletics in summer and soccer in winter that happens regularly on the northern oval.

The issue with this spot is that I am not sure if there are currently any users of the southern oval (I recall seeing a few soccer games last winter but I dont think I have seen any this year).

Blue

This area is a bit close to Little Athletics in summer and soccer in winter and pilots are looking into the sun in winter. There is little room north of this area for long landings which require a go around and it would breach the code of conduct for model aviators using Kambah oval. This area is slightly elevated from the southern oval and has a good view of the path and surrounding area.

Red

This area is very close to the current area that is used (its actually the area used for belly landing planes with no landing gear). If a landing is long or requires a go around there is plenty of room to other activities.

This site has very good clearance between it and Little Athletics in summer and soccer in winter that occur on the northern oval. This site allows access to both the northern and southern ends of the field.

I think that the order of preference would be Red, Green and then Blue, I have also attached a copy of the code of conduct that I referenced. There are a couple of things that I would like to see updated in this document but generally it is fairly good.

Regards



From: "Ashcroft, Brian" <Brian.Ashcroft@act.gov.au>

Date: 02/08/2012 12:43 PM

Subject: RE: Kambah Oval Enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Shipping containers are common at ACT Government sportsgrounds and are approved as temporary structures. I cannot comment on ACTMCC in this regard as they have not made an approach to us at this time. The mowing of the grass at Kambah is within an existing contract. Irrigated is cut between 25-38mm weekly-the remainder is kept below 150mm at most times. If you wish to provide a map showing where you wish to mow-we can discuss further-we would limit the height to no shorter

than 25mm.

Cheers, Brian

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Sent: Thursd
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: RE: Kambah Oval Enquiry [SEC =UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Brian ,

I am yet to hear from the club but in the meantime I have been looking at there plans on some of the social media that they use. Personally I think that they may have a few issues getting approval for some of the things that they want to do. A good example is the drivers stand which is basically 2 shipping containers side by side that form a platform for the drivers to stand on top of. Apart from the council approval its going to really stick out like a sore thumb in the middle of the oval. I have included a link to there facebook page just in case you wanted to check it out.

<http://m.facebook.com/groups/7164877321#!/groups/7164877321?view=permalink&id=10150968654087322&user=1472570149>

Anyway good luck to them as it look it will be a big job to get it all approved and across the line.

On a side note , one of the guys was talking about mowing the grass beside there area so that we could use it as a runway, is this something that the ACT Government would allow and if so what do we need to do to get approval to do so. I could throw together a quick map if needed to show that it is well away from the other defined playing areas/fields.

Regards

From: "Ashcroft, Brian" <Brian.Ashcroft@act.gov.au>

Date: 31/07/2012 11:52 AM

Subject: RE: Kambah Oval Enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

I have given your details to [REDACTED] and asked him to give you a call.
Cheers, Brian

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Sent: Tuesday, 31
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: Kambah Oval Enquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Brian ,

Thanks for your time yesterday to discuss my concerns with Kambah Oval,

I did not receive a reply to the email that I sent to the RC club and I thought that it might just be easier if I called them. I should have gotten there number off you yesterday as its not something that they advertise on there website or in any of there forums. If you could please forward on the name and number of the contact that you have in the club that would be great.

I am hoping that there development plans will not exclude us from using the site and that we can come to some sort of arrangement. Of course there activities would have the primary access to the facilities and this is something that I would look at getting added to the Kambah Code of Conduct that pilots that use the site are requested to ad hear to.

Regards

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From: Evans, Tanya
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 9:56 AM
To: Ashcroft, Brian; Gabriel, Jason
Subject: FW: Kambah 3 Oval installation

*Tanya Evans | Bookings & Administrative Support Officer | Sport & Recreation Facilities
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Check out our new website: www.sportsgrounds.act.gov.au :)

From: Canberra Connect Customer Service [<mailto:canberraconnect@act.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 23 August 2012 5:06 PM
To: TAMSsportsgrounds
Subject: FWD: Kambah 3 Oval installation

Sender's Comment

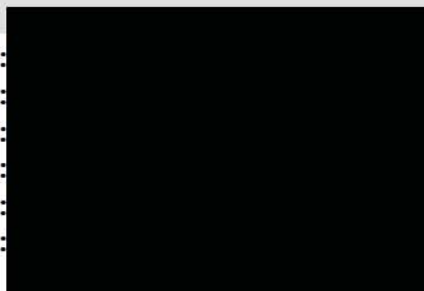
Good Afternoon

Could you please follow up and respond to attached email.
 Thank you
 regards

Canberra Connect

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Reference No120816-001264

Summary: Kambah 3 Oval installation
Rule State: 3. CC Feedback
Category Level 1: Canberra Connect's Services to You
Category Level 2: Other
Date Created: 16/08/2012 02.10 PM
Last Updated: 23/08/2012 05.01 PM
Status: In Progress
Assigned: Heather Homewood
Comment Category: Complaint
Agency Forwarded To: Territory & Municipal Services

Follow Up: Yes
 Communication Opt In: Yes
 Form Type: Ask a Question

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16/08/2012 02.10 PM

Thank you for your correspondence which has been received and referred to the relevant ACT Government business unit.

If you have requested a response you should expect to be contacted within 10 working days.

Your reference number is:

Customer

16/08/2012 02.10 PM

Why have two large shipping containers been installed in the middle of Kambah 3 Oval? Why has there been NO consultation with the residents who either live in the area and/or overlook the Oval notifying us of the installation? There has been no consultation with the residents at any time over the past 30 or so years about any alteration to the use of the Kambah 3 Parklands. The Netball Court area was bitumenised without

notice; the model planes were given permission to fly from there without notice; the roadways were painted on the bitumen without notice, and now , without notice, two shipping containers have been parked there. Having the model planes screaming over head at odd hours, flying into our trees and crashing on our roofs, has been bad enough, but now we are to be, it seems without notice, subjected to the added screaming of the radio controlled cars. Why were we not informed ?

Brown, Josephine

From: Ashcroft, Brian
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 3:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Canberra Connect
Subject: Kambah 3

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your inquiry relating to the use of Kambah No. 3 District Playing Field. The old bitumen netball courts (not used for net ball for over 30 years) have been licensed to the ACT Model Car Racing Club. The group have approval to use the area with conditions including compliance with the noise regulations, insurance cover, litter removal etc. There are also special conditions such as litter responsibility, not operating on the same day as the annual Highland Gathering, etc.

The issuing of a licence does not necessitate a full consultation process, but Sport and Recreation Services did consult with the sporting groups that use the ground (being Capital Football and Athletics) and they did not object.

Once the ACTMCRC have completed the set up of their track, including marking out of their track and erecting a low perimeter fence, we will look to do some minor landscaping such as tree planting to soften the look of the area. The area will remain public open space.

This licence may be terminated by any party giving the other party six (6) months notice in writing, or such earlier termination as agreed by the parties in writing. The current licence expires on 30 June 2022.

Sport and Recreation Services has worked with the ACTMCRC as a recreation group, to support their activity at the Kambah ground.

I trust this information addresses your concerns.

Regards, Brian

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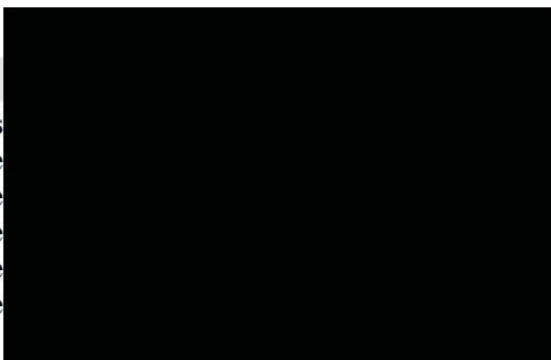
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From: [Canberra Connect](#)
To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
Subject: Joint use of bitumen netball courts at kambah oval
Date: Monday, 27 August 2012 4:41:04 PM

Sender's Comment

Contact Information

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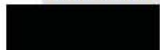
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Summary: joint use of bitumen netball courts at kambah oval
Rule State: 3. CC Feedback
Category Level 1: Sports, Leisure, Parks & Forests
Category Level 2: Sportsgrounds
Date Created: 27/08/2012 04.19 PM
Last Updated: 27/08/2012 04.38 PM
Status: Forwarded to Agency
Assigned:
Comment Category: Complaint
Agency Forwarded To: Territory & Municipal Services
Follow Up: Yes
Communication Opt In: Yes
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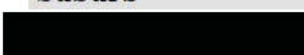
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27/08/2012 04.19 PM

Thank you for your correspondence which has been received and referred to the relevant ACT Government business unit.

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Customer

27/08/2012 04.19 PM

I have heard a rumour that an ACT model car group has acquired essentially exclusive rights to the Tarmac area on the oval. While I have no objection to the marking out of the surface for racing cars I would prefer the government did not allow the construction of a fence or any obstruction that impedes the use of the area for the operation of electric model aircraft a purpose for which this area has been used for many years. The emphasis should be on joint use of the community resource. I don't think priority should be given to an organized club over itinerant users or the area. Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
 Cc: [BURCH](#)
 Subject: Re: Kambah 3-Reference No120816-001264
 Date: Tuesday, 28 August 2012 11:35:11 AM

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Did you, or your department, examine any map of the locality of the ACTMCRC application before granting them their license ? Obviously not ! Because you did not know

that **this facility is within 100 metres of private homes** ?

Did you take into account the diminishing of the value of those homes because of the position of this facility ? This has been proved by Real Estate figures in other areas in the past.

How, even with "noise restrictions", will the operation of the facility not impact upon those residents who chose to live in this area for the serenity and beautiful aspect of the Parklands and the mountains ?

You maintain that there will be continued access to the paved area, but the very existence of the perimeter fence indicates restricted access. There is no safety barrier preventing curious children climbing to the top of the "grandstand". How do you plan to prevent this ? Who will be responsible if such a child is injured ? Who will remove the graffiti when, as it surely will be, it is plastered all over the shipping containers ?

The ACTMCRC have premises at both Fyshwick and EPIC so why are they not able to build their facility at either of these two places ?

The residents of this area are appalled by the lack of consultation and information, and the haste with which this facility has been allowed to be built.

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
 To: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 3:50 PM
 Subject: RE: Kambah 3-Reference No120816-001264

[REDACTED]

The area remains public open space and given that they only operate on some weekend days, there will continue to be opportunity to use the area. Capital Football were specifically consulted because they had previously discussed the possibility of turning the net ball courts into a synthetic mini-field. They no longer aspire to do this.

My understanding is that the majority of schools, even with the new fencing policy, have left their bitumen courts unfenced and accessible for the community to use-this is one possible option in the learn to ride area.

I will take your advice and do a letterbox drop next time we have a licence application.
 Thank you for your interest in this matter.
 Regards, Brian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 2:31 PM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: Re: Kambah 3-[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Thank you for your reply.

I am still extremely disappointed that there was no notification given to, or consultation with, the residents of Lascelles Circuit before this license was granted. They are the ones who will be most affected both aesthetically and by the noise of the racing cars, as they have been by the Model planes.

The groups which were consulted of course have had no objections. Their use of the Kambah 3 Ovals is limited to very specific times - The Soccer Clubs - Sunday afternoons, and Little Athletics - Saturday mornings only in the Summer, therefore they are most unlikely to be affected at all by either the noise, or the appearance of the upgraded shipping containers.

If the area of bitumen is to be fenced off, then where do the children learn to ride their Christmas bikes or to roller skate as they have been doing is complete safety for years ? Will the ACTMCRC deny access to others or will everyone be able to use the area ?

However, I do feel that, as a common courtesy, the residents should have least been notified.

[REDACTED]

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From: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [Canberra Connect](#)

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 11:31 AM

Subject: Kambah 3-[REDACTED]

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Once the ACTMCRC have completed the set up of their track, including marking out of their track and erecting a low perimeter fence, we will look to do some minor landscaping such as tree planting to soften the look of the area.

In regards to the people who fly model planes, they have no formal agreement or approval to do so. Having said that, I do not believe what they are doing to be illegal and as long as they do not clash with our hirers we have no objection to them being there.

I hope that my response has been of assistance to you.

Regards, Brian

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From: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [CORBELL](#)
Subject: RE: Shipping containers
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2012 10:53:00 AM

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received on 29 August 2012, regarding the bitumen area in the centre of the Kambah District Playing Field (DPF) No.3.

The area you refer to was originally constructed in the late 1970's as a cluster of netball courts. However, as no netball club was established at the ground, the courts were never used for that purpose.

In early 2012, [REDACTED], Secretary of the ACT Model Car Racing Club (ACTMCRC) contacted SRS to seek a licence over the old bitumen netball courts at Kambah DPF No.3. SRS consulted with the main user of the facility, Capital Football, who run their men's academy program at that ground, and they had no objection to the granting of a licence to the ACTMCRC.

Due process was followed in processing the ACTMCRC application for a licence, including the requirement for them to provide a necessary risk plan and evidence of insurance. As the land involved is public land, the licence application was also referred to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna for approval.

A licence was granted to ACTMCRC on 18 June 2012, and may be terminated by any party to it upon giving the other party six (6) months notice in writing, or within such earlier timeframe as may be agreed in writing by the parties. Conditions of the licence include the requirement for all Territory laws, including noise regulation, to be complied with. The site use will be monitored by SRS rangers to ensure licence conditions are complied with.

At the time of granting the licence, there was no other known use of the bitumen area, although they have since been advised about informal use (use without formal booking) of the area by a group that fly model aircraft. SRS have subsequently negotiated with a representative of that group, [REDACTED], reaching agreement for the aircraft to be landed on one of three grass landing strips in lieu of using the bitumen area. I understand [REDACTED] group are happy with this alternative.

In order to safely and effectively utilise the licensed area, ACTMCRC have placed a temporary storage container beside the bitumen area and another temporary container to be used as a drivers stand. The placing of temporary containers at ACT Government sportsgrounds is a widely established practice that does not typically require development approval. It offers a low cost, secure storage solution for a variety of community sport and recreation groups. ACTMCRC will be responsible for graffiti removal as necessary.

ACTMCRC intend to mark out a track on the bitumen and install a low perimeter fence around the bitumen area. The fencing will not prevent other members of the public from accessing or using the area when it is not in use by ACTMCRC.

Regarding the aesthetics of the area, I have discussed a range of landscaping options with the ACTMCRC to provide screening of the temporary storage containers. Further, that these options will be explored in more detail for implementation once the fencing is

complete.

Should you have any additional enquiries or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Brian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2012 6:17 PM
To: Ashcroft, Brian; Corbell, Simon
Subject: FW: Shipping containers

Hi Brian,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]. I'm writing to you in disgust about 2 unsl [REDACTED] containers that have been put on Kambah oval [REDACTED]. I now find out they are a permanent fixture on the oval for the next 10 years.

I wasn't aware of any consultation with the residents of either Lascelles Cct or Wyslielaskie Cct, can you please enlighten me, as you obviously don't live in either of these locations. Not only do we have to put up with the noise, illegal parking and excess traffic that will use this part of Lascelles Cct, we now have to contend with the loss of our unobstructed view of the Brindabellas and have had confirmation that house prices will drop in this part of Lascelles Cct. These people can race their cars at Fyshwick, Epic and Jenke Cct Kambah where there is no impact with noise pollution and residents. I thought it would have been imperative with an election around the corner you would have chosen consultation over confrontation.

I eagerly await your reply.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Brown, Josephine

From: Ashcroft, Brian
Sent: Friday, 31 August 2012 2:01 PM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: K3

rang and we discussed the model car club and airplane use-he was a fair and reasonable fellow-need to revisit landscape shortly

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From: [Josifovski, Daniel](#)
To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
Subject: Sportsground Issue
Date: Friday, 31 August 2012 9:13:06 AM

Brian,

A gentleman by the name of [REDACTED] called yesterday to enquire about a sportsground issue.

I took his message and said we would return his call.

His issue was that at the ovals across the Burns Club (I assume are Kambah) ,apparently there are containers put in the middle of the ground? He sounded distressed and concerned about this and wanted to know what they are and why they are there.

Can you follow up his number is [REDACTED]

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
 Subject: Re: Kambah 3-Reference No120816-001264
 Date: Sunday, 2 September 2012 9:52:53 AM

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Further to our correspondence re the ACTMCRC installation on Kambah 3 Oval. Local residents have voiced further concerns, which are listed below :-

- * the probability of increased traffic and parking in this narrow, residential loop street;
- * the probability of weekday practice sessions;
- * the probability of noise on weekends when most residents ***are at home***;
- * shiftworkers trying to sleep at weekends;
- * the fact that the "low stepover fence" is not 900mm high; it is 1250mm high, part of which is now a chain link fence with the bottom half obscured with several metres of green plastic sheeting ;
- * loss of well used parkland amenities; (the bitumen courts may not have been used for netball for 30 years, but are in constant use for other activities)
- * the granting of such a license is normally for 3, not 10, years;
- * has the area been formally re-zoned ? (PRZ1- *Urban Open Space* to PRZ2 - *Restricted Access Recreation* as in golf courses and bowling greens)

----- Original Message -----

From: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [Canberra Connect](#)
 Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 11:31 AM
 Subject: Kambah 3-Reference No120816-001264

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
 Subject: Re: Kambah 3-Reference No120816-001264
 Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2012 8:59:53 AM

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Finding something mentioned during our phone conversation yesterday curious, I would ask you to clarify what you said about the exact reason the MCRC Jenke Circuit track was abandoned.

We were given to understand that the U stow it people had acquired the land and the MCRC *had* to move, but, given what you intimated yesterday about that club folding and a *new* MCRC applying to use the Kambah 3 area, this may not be the case. Could you please clarify ?

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Brown, Josephine

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2012 3:53 PM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: FW: representations regarding Kambah ovals

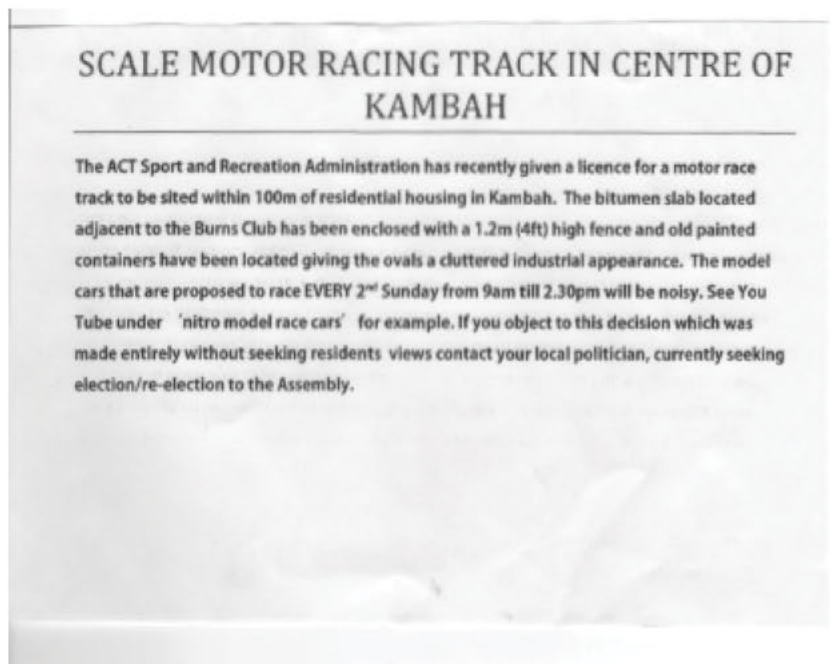
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 September 2012 11:29 AM
To: Mallett, Jim
Subject: Re: representations regarding Kambah ovals

Dear Mr. Mallett,

Thank you for your reply, and for following these issues up. I sent my concerns to all of the members for Brindabella but yours is the only response i have received to date.

Since sending my faxes off I have received the attached note in my letterbox. It gives a few more details about the development, which is apparently a racing track for model cars, and suggests that I am not the only local resident who is concerned about this use of the area, and its unsightliness.

[REDACTED]



On 12/09/2012, at 9:18 AM, Mallett, Jim wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for recent representations regarding the use of the ovals adjacent to the Burns Club, Kambah. As the issues you have raised are important, I have taken the opportunity to raise them with the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, the Chief Minister Katy Gallagher. I have asked that the issues be looked at urgently, and as soon as I have received the Chief Minister's reply, I will be in touch with you again.

Jim Mallett
 Chief of Staff

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Member for Brindabella

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From: Ashcroft, Brian
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ACTMCRC
Date: Monday, 17 September 2012 8:23:00 AM

[REDACTED]

The provision of two opening points provides public access (other than while racing) and complies. It is similar to the Brumbies perimeter fence at Griffith Oval which is 1200 but has pedestrian openings. I am unaware of whether they use a PA or not, but the use of one is quite permissible as long as they comply with the noise legislation.

I trust this addresses your further concerns. I must also apologise for the delayed response as I was not at work on Friday.

Regards, Brian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 8:52 AM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: ACTMCRC

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

With the ACTMCRC due to start their racing programme this Sunday, 16th September, on the track on the Kambah 3 Oval and Parklands, one might ask why the 1250mm fence has NOT YET been lowered to the authorised height of 900mm ?

If the site does not fully comply with the license, will the use of it in this configuration be legal ? Does the ACTMCRC imagine that because they have put up " Caution- trip hazard" signs they are then covered for accidents by the general public using their "unrestricted" site ? They are making it patently clear that they do NOT want the public on their site, using threats, verbal abuse and intimidation.

We now realise the site will NOT only be in use on every second Sunday, but also by anyone, **at any time**, "excluding the Drivers' platform which is locked except on race days". The invitation to do so is issued on their Facebook site.

We should also like to know why we were not told there would also be a Public Address system in place ?

I should appreciate your reply to the issues raised.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ashcroft, Brian](#)
Subject: RE: ACT model Car Racing Club
Date: Thursday, 27 September 2012 7:45:10 PM

Hi Brian

Thanks very much for getting back to me so quickly and providing that information.

I spoke to the environmental protection officer today as well and while it looks like the club will do what they can to reduce the noise but the bigger problem is going to be people who use the area to run their remote control cars at other times. There has been someone there the last two days and we can hear him from our place which is two blocks from the playing fields. I know that I can call Canberra connect and complain about the noise but that puts me in the position of being the bad guy (and perhaps in some danger of retaliation) rather than the govt coming up with some sensible rules from the beginning so everyone knows where they stand.

Can you please advise what you are doing about this issue? I think many could accept the club meeting once a fortnight (they are doing good work after all) but not people going there every day without knowledge of the noise regulations they must abide by.

Regards

From: Brian.Ashcroft@act.gov.au
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: ACT model Car Racing Club
Date: Thu, 27 Sep 2012 05:02:31 +0000

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 27 September 2012 about the granting of a licence to the ACT Model Car Racing Club (ACTMCRC) to use the bitumen area in the centre of the Kambah District Playing Field (DPF) No.3.

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Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Regards, Brian

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Brown, Josephine

From: Croser, Sam
Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 2:51 PM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: FW: Online enquiry Question

[Another one for you...](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 12:34 PM
To: Sport ACT
Subject: Online enquiry Question

Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within two working days as advised to our clients on our website email confirmation.

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Step 1

- Select the type of information you wish to provide: Question

Step 2

- Your comments:

I am interested to learn more about the licence that the Model Car racing club has to use the area in Kambah playing fields. I want to know what restrictions there are for when they can use the space and what the noise restrictions are for when they are using it. I would also like to know what rules there are for others using the space to race their remote control cars at other times. I walked past someone racing their car yesterday and the noise was very very loud and very disruptive.

Thank you.

EDD Website

Brown, Josephine

From: Gabriel, Jason on behalf of TAMSsportsgrounds
Sent: Tuesday, 2 October 2012 8:48 AM
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: FW: Outdoor Race track Kambah 3 Oval [Incident: 121001-000470] Forwarded to Agency

Jason Gabriel | Ranger & Facilities Officer

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From: Canberra Connect Customer Services [<mailto:canberraconnect@act.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 1 October 2012 7:01 PM
To: TAMSsportsgrounds
Subject: Outdoor Race track Kambah 3 Oval [Incident: 121001-000470] Forwarded to Agency

The following communication has been received by the ACT Government:

Contact Information

Email Address: [REDACTED]

First Name:

Surname:

Type:

Title:

Reference No121001-000470

Summary: Outdoor Race track Kambah 3 Oval

Category Level 1: Sports, Leisure, Parks & Forests

Category Level 2: Sportsgrounds

Date Created: 01/10/2012 07.00 PM

Last Updated: 01/10/2012 07.00 PM

Status: Forwarded to Agency

Assigned:

Comment Category: Complaint

Agency Forwarded To: Economic Development Directorate

Follow Up: Yes

Communication Opt In: Yes

Form Type: Ask a Question

Closest address

Enter a location

Referring site

<http://www.tams.act.gov.au/functions/complaints>

First Name

Last Name

Home Phone

Discussion Thread

Auto-response

01/10/2012 07.00 PM

Thank you for your correspondence which has been received and referred to the relevant ACT Government business unit.

If you have requested a response you should expect to be contacted within 10 working days.

Your reference number is:

Customer

01/10/2012 07.00 PM

I understand this feedback should be directed to Brian Ashcroft/ Manager Sportsground Maintenance and Improvement.

Please accept this as a complaint against the ACT Government for the lack of consultation on the decision to relocate the ACT Model Car Racing Club to Kambah 3 Oval. This is adversely affecting Kambah residents, particularly those of Lascelles Cct, of which I am one.

This was my first weekend at home since the change and the noise was incredible! There is no way that anyone in this street could successfully hold an open home under these circumstances. I could not even enjoy a quiet breakfast in my backyard on Saturday 29 September 2012. I quickly returned indoors, agitated by the annoying noise of the remote control cars.

I believe the value of my property has been affected and my quality of life is disrupted by this decision. I do not believe appropriate processes have been followed for there not to have been consultation with the affected residents. I implore you to review this decision please. I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to have my faith in the ACT Govt restored.

Brown, Josephine

From: Ashcroft, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, 2 October 2012 9:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Canberra Connect
Subject: Kambah Model Car Club

Dear [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: C2178/12

Sara

You have sent me a ministerial n response to further correspondence from [REDACTED] in regards the model car club at Kambah. Her further request ask about suitability of such a facility and whether the area is a recreational facility on public land.

The previous response included: [Given the use of the site by the ACTMCRC is a recreational use that is consistent with the current zoning and recreational intent of the area](#), which answers the question. In addition I supplied a brief to CM. I have also spoken to [REDACTED] on the phone and have also responded to her correspondence on behalf of Minister Barr.

To be honest I do not believe there is anything new to add and am at a loss as to what I might write in response to her latest additional sentence, given that it has already been answered and that she was asked in the last reply from CM to call me if she needed further clarification etc. Perhaps Karen could email her a reply suggesting that I am happy to discuss if she wishes to call me.

Cheers, Brian

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, 29 October 2012 12:05 PM
 To: GALLAGHER
 Subject: Re: model car - correspondence [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply, on behalf of Katy Gallagher, to our concerns regarding the ACTMCRC licence on the Kambah 3 Oval and Parklands.

We now know that, as "due Process" has been followed, nothing can, or will, be done to address the main issues concerning local residents.

However, could you please explain the suitability of such a facility, whether it is a recreational facility on Public land or not, in a residential area one hundred metres from private homes.

-----Original Message-----

From: GALLAGHER
 Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 10:47 AM
 To: [REDACTED]

Subject: model car - correspondence to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Chief Minister, Ms Katy Gallagher MLA

regards

[REDACTED] | Office of the Chief Minister
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From: [Roberts, Mick](#)
To: [Jeffrey, David](#)
Cc: [Roberts, Mick](#)
Subject: FW: ACTMCRC [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 10 August 2016 3:27:13 PM

Regards

Mick Roberts | Sportsgrounds Manager

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*I'm a **RED Contact Officer** 'Feel inspired to make change'*

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: S
To: Ashcroft, Brian
Subject: ACTMCRC

Good morning Mr Ashcroft,

It is 9:34 am and the ACTMCRC have started racing for the day. They have been there since 7:01 am setting up and the Loudspeaker started at 9:23 am.

It is our understanding that the racing was not to start until 10:00 am.

Is this correct ? Or are they eventually to be allowed to start racing, and disturbing local residents, earlier and earlier ?

One more comment. This small club, with a membership of 50 or so, by taking up the option to use this facility, has effectively divided the club and ostracised a large percentage of its members, because of the ban on racing the Nitro cars here. It would be interesting to hear their comments. If the Nitro cars can, or HAVE to, race elsewhere, it begs the perennial question of "why here" for the others.

I anticipate your reply,

[REDACTED]



Andrew Barr MLA

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

TREASURER

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email sent to Mr Simon Corbell MLA and received on 29 August 2012, regarding the bitumen area in the centre of the Kambah District Playing Field (DPF) No.3. The email has been referred to me as Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation as it sits within my portfolio responsibilities.

I am advised by staff at Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), who manage ACT Government sportsgrounds, that the area you refer to was originally constructed in the late 1970's as a cluster of netball courts. However, as no netball club was established at the ground, the courts were never used for that purpose.

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SRS inform me that at the time of granting the licence, there was no other known use of the bitumen area, although they have since been advised about informal use (use without formal booking) of the area by a group that fly model aircraft. SRS have subsequently negotiated with a representative of that group, Mr Reay, reaching

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agreement for the aircraft to be landed on one of three grass landing strips in lieu of using the bitumen area. I understand [REDACTED] group are happy with this alternative.

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Should you have any additional enquiries or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Brian Ashcroft, Manager-Sportsgrounds Maintenance and Improvement, SRS on (02) 620 75143, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barr MLA
Minister for Tourism, Events and Sport