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McMahon, Zoe

From: Lopa, Liz
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 4:10 PM
To: Stewart, Tracy (DET); Brighton, Meg
Subject: Fwd: My email
Attachments: Information for families 2 docx.docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robby McGarvey [REDACTED]
Date: 12 February 2015 4:09:09 pm AEDT
To: "Lopa, Liz" <Liz.Lopa@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: My email

Thanks Liz-

We have sent this to all our families at 3.48.

Kind regards- see you at 11.45 tomorrow I will meet you at Coles on the corner (park in their carpark) and come up escalator- we can then go across to one of the cafes.

kind regards

Robby McGarvey

Director

Manuka Childcare Centre

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[REDACTED]

On 12/02/2015 12:53 pm, Lopa, Liz wrote:

Liz Lopa | Director (a/g)

Urban Renewal

Land Development Agency

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12/2/2015- second Information Installment.
Important Information for Mocca Families, Community and Friends
From Mocca Management Board

A New Change for Mocca

We have been given the address of the site where Mocca will be relocated.

**This is the- Montgomery Oval/Park at 4 New South Wales Cres Manuka
Directly opposite the Telopea High School.**

The ACT Government owns this land .

As of 12/2/2015

**What we know from the Education Training and Planning Directorates
is- :**

*Mocca will be relocated to new premises within the Manuka precinct . To be built on the Montgomery Oval/Park at 4 New South Wales Cres Manuka.

Approximately 3000sq meters have been allocated for the new Building.

The new Building will cater for a 100-place centre. Increasing childcare spaces that Mocca offers from 77 to 100, providing an extra 23 places for families.

*It will be 18 months at least, before any move/relocation happens.

***Mocca is not closing** and will remain open until the new build is fully completed.

*We are extremely excited and happy to be staying in area and see this as an opportunity for positive community engagement with Telopea High School, Kingston Library and the Telopea Park!

This is all we know for now and will keep you informed as we receive relevant information via monthly e-mails and paper copies to your parent pockets.

As a valued Community Service, Mocca is absolutely committed to providing the continued excellent education and care programs along with our annual community events.

Please feel free to email any concerns, suggestions or questions you may have to [REDACTED]

****A Public meeting for the Mocca Community will be arranged in the near future to discuss future plans. Date and Time to be set by the Management Board following our first meeting with the Planning Directorate.***

Robby McGarvey
Mocca Director

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McKinnon, Dominique

From: Blain, Kerrie [Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au]
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 4:56 PM
To: Selmecki, Hedvig
Cc: Prowse, Wayne
Subject: Message for all parents of Telopea Park School
Attachments: 201502121651.pdf

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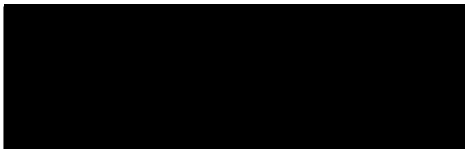
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If you would like to discuss this new investment for our school please do not hesitate to contact me on 61423388. I will be providing you with further information as it comes to hand in the coming months.



Kerrie Blain
Principal
12 February 2015



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From: Brighton, Meg
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 5:15 PM
To: Hawthorne, Maria; Garrity, Jacqui; Lopa, Liz; OBrien, Nance
Cc: Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Subject: FW: Message for all parents of Telopea Park School
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Categories: FOI [REDACTED]

Colleagues

FYI

From: Prowse, Wayne
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 5:08 PM
To: Stewart, Tracy (DET); Brighton, Meg
Cc: Joseph, Diane
Subject: Fwd: Message for all parents of Telopea Park School

Wayne

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Date: 12 February 2015 4:56:06 pm AEDT
To: "Selmecki, Hedvig" <Hedvig.Selmecki@ed.act.edu.au>
Cc: "Prowse, Wayne" <Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au>
Subject: Message for all parents of Telopea Park School

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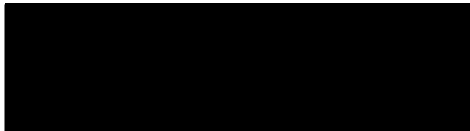
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From: Lopa, Liz
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 5:32 PM
To: Brighton, Meg; Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Subject: Media release
Attachments: Chief Minister media release - urban renewal agenda continues in Canberra's inner South.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hi Guys
Pls find attached CM media release.
Liz

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Paviour, Mark" <Mark.Paviour@act.gov.au>
Date: 12 February 2015 5:29:58 pm AEDT
To: "Lopa, Liz" <Liz.Lopa@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Final

Sure, see attached

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

From: Lopa, Liz
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 5:29 PM
To: Paviour, Mark
Subject: Final

Hi mark
Would you mind pls sending me the final MR that you sent the Times?
Ta
Liz

Sent from my iPhone



Andrew Barr MLA

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TREASURER

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MINISTER FOR URBAN RENEWAL

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND EVENTS

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

MEDIA RELEASE

Embargoed 5:00am 13 February 2015

Urban renewal agenda continues in Canberra's inner South

I am pleased to announce a new location for the iconic Canberra Services Club, a new and improved child care facility in Canberra's south and an upgrade to Telopea Park School's sporting facilities.

Members of the Services Club have been without a home since their 65 year-old premises were completely destroyed by fire shortly after Anzac Day 2011.

This is a significant agreement that will benefit Manuka residents. The return of the Services Club, a new mixed-use development in Manuka, an expanded child care facility and a significant investment in the local school will see urban renewal across a wide area of the inner south.

As part of the plan, the Manuka Occasional Child Care Centre will be relocated to a purpose-built, 100-space facility in Forrest, with the new Services club built on the current child care site in Manuka.

The new child care centre will replace four tennis courts on New South Wales Crescent used by Telopea Park School. The plan provides \$800,000 for the construction of new sporting facilities at the school.

The Canberra Services Club has long played an important role in the life of this city and has been a place for ex-service men and women to come together and commemorate significant occasions, as well as providing a welcoming environment for the wider community.

In addition to the new club premises, there will be a significant residential component to the development which will see Defence Housing Australia provide housing for defence force personnel living in Canberra.

With the Services Club agreeing to surrender their lease on their former site adjacent to Manuka Oval, we are now in a position to proceed with the development of the master plan for this area, leading to further improvements for both players and spectators who love playing and watching games at this historic venue.

Statement ends

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From: Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Sent: Friday, 13 February 2015 11:00 AM
To: Jones, David
Subject: FW: Montgomery Oval media Q&A
Attachments: Q&A Media template - Montgomery Oval.docx

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From: Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2015 8:27 AM
To: Brighton, Meg
Subject: Montgomery Oval media Q&A

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Media Briefing

Date: 12 February 2015	Interview time/location: na
Journalist/Media Org: na	Contact: na

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McKinnon, Dominique

From: Brighton, Meg
Sent: Monday, 16 February 2015 12:17 PM
To: Prowse, Wayne; Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Subject: Re: Tuesday's Board meeting at TPS

Tracy - please let EDD know re: time for the TPS Board meeting.

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On 16 Feb 2015, at 11:15 am, Prowse, Wayne <Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au> wrote:

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Meg

FYI and communication with EDD, the Board meeting will be **5.30pm** in the TPS conference room.

Wayne

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From: Blain, Kerrie [<mailto:Kerrie.Blain@ed.act.edu.au>]
Sent: Monday, 16 February 2015 11:13 AM
To: Prowse, Wayne
Cc: Ryan, Mary
Subject: RE: Tuesday's Board meeting at TPS

Wayne

The Board meeting will be **5.30pm** in the school conference room.

Kerrie

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From: Prowse, Wayne [mailto:Wayne.Prowse@act.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 16 February 2015 8:44 AM

To: Blain, Kerrie

Cc: Prowse, Wayne; Brighton, Meg

Subject: Tuesday's Board meeting at TPS

Good Morning Kerrie

I advised Meg that the TPS Board meeting is scheduled for 5.00pm. Could you please advise if this is the correct time, so that the EDD can be advised?

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From: Brighton, Meg
Sent: Tuesday, 17 February 2015 1:21 PM
To: Hawthorne, Maria
Cc: Garrity, Jacqui; Stewart, Tracy (DET); Kulasingham, Mark
Subject: Telopea: update
Attachments: Q&A Media template - Montgomery Oval.docx

Categories: FOI [REDACTED]

Dear Maria

Further to my voicemail, EDD/LDA will be meeting with the Telopea Board this afternoon at 530pm.

Attendees: Dan Stewart (DDG-EDD), Liz Lopa (EDD), Tracy Stewart (ETD), Principal, Board members and School Network Leader

The key messages will be as presented as per last week (attached).

Regards
Meg

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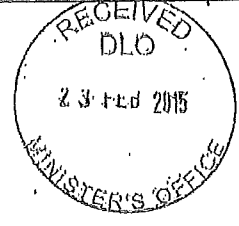
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MIN 15/152
DUE 9/2/15

Clarke, Emma



From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 12:23 PM
To: BURCH
Cc: DOSZPOT; BERRY; Dunne, Vicki
Subject: Teloepa Park School Tennis Courts

Dear Minister Burch,

I am writing to you to express my deep upset over the decision to remove Teloepa Park School Tennis courts from their current location on Montgomery oval and replace them with MOCCA childcare centre. I understand the courts are proposed to be relocated onto the back of the school oval. This decision I find very disappointing and surprising.

As a parent [Redacted] with a long history at Teloepa Park school, I am confused why your government did not consult with the school community first?

In fact, when [Redacted] was attending Teloepa we were informed about the tennis courts being upgraded in the 2011 ACT budget. The community was ecstatic! Obviously this did not take place! We waited patiently for the refurbishment. I know wonder if this another empty promise?

Now you want to take more land off a public school with an exceptional reputation. Surely we must be investing in our education system and not be removing valuable land but instead continuing to develop the infrastructure and resources of that school.

To try and buy the community off by promising a sports centre- aka tennis courts when they should of been refurbished in 2011 as promised, is not only insulting but disrespectful to your constituents and not the best interests of our children or the community. I ask again where was the consultation? The traffic contestation in that area is horrific at best and a childcare centre would only make the area more congested and more dangerous. It seems to me to be a ludicrous proposal on all accounts.

Teloepa Park school has a rich history and the excellent leadership has lead this school into a light house in the ACT and Australia. I ask instead of removing valuable assets- land- you and your government invest more money and make a great school even better.

I eagerly await your reply

[Redacted]

To

- Minister
- Chief of Staff
- Senior Advisor
- Media Advisor
- DLO
- OM

Please

- Reply
- Advise
- Noted
- File
- Comment
- Arrange Meeting
- FYI
- Refer to
- Action



Joy Burch MLA

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
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MINISTER FOR DISABILITY
MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS

MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2015 and your email of 17 March 2015 to the Chief Minister about the tennis courts used by Telopea Park School.

I can confirm that a decision has been taken to provide a portion of land on Montgomery Oval, where four tennis courts are currently located, for the development of a childcare centre.

This arrangement will enable the urban renewal of the Manuka precinct which is a significant priority for the ACT Government. The renewal includes a replacement building for the Canberra Services Club along with a Defence Housing Australia residential development; the provision of additional childcare places in the community through the relocation of the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre to a larger, purpose-built facility; and the revitalisation of the Manuka Oval.

Funding of \$800,000 is being made available to Telopea Park School for the purpose of providing new and upgraded sporting facilities to replace the tennis courts. This is a significant investment for the school, which will enhance the availability of sporting and recreational facilities available to students.

The Principal of Telopea Park School, Ms Kerrie Blain is consulting with the school community, including the School Board and the P&C, about options for the new sports facilities. I encourage you to be part of these conversations should you wish to do so. Ms Blain can be contacted on (02) 6205 5599 or via email at kerrie.blain@ed.act.edu.au. I am expecting that work will commence this year, which will be prior to the construction of the childcare centre.

Thank you for writing to me on this matter and taking the time to contribute to your school community.

Yours sincerely

Joy Burch MLA
Minister for Education and Training
March 2015

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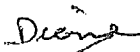


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Ms Diane Joseph
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Dear Ms Joseph

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 January 2015 formalising arrangements for the subdivision of Block 5 Section 36 Forrest for the purposes of relocating the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre Association.

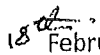
Your assistance in the facilitation of this land transfer is greatly appreciated as it allows Economic Development (ED) to implement the broader urban renewal of Manuka and its surrounding area.

ED will arrange for \$800,000 to be transferred to the Education and Training Directorate for the purposes of funding the upgrade/replacement of sporting facilities currently located on Block 5 Section 36 Forrest. I have asked the Land Development Agency (LDA) to investigate the additional subdivision and handover of the pathway to the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.

Liz Lopa, Director, Urban Renewal at the LDA will contact Ms Tracy Stewart to arrange the necessary meetings.

Yours sincerely


David Dawes
Director-General, Economic Development/Chief Executive Officer, Land Development Agency


18 February 2015

Jones, David

From: Lopa, Liz
Sent: Thursday, 19 February 2015 9:27 AM
To: Prendergast, MichaelJ; Carson, Lucia
Cc: Jones, David
Subject: Manuka childcare site - due diligence and timing

Hi Guys

Dan and I attended the Telopea School Board meeting this week. Dan undertook with the Board that they could have input into the traffic study and that they would be kept informed along the way. He undertook that a full traffic analysis would be undertaken – the Board has, apparently, been trying for years to have traffic calming measures put in by TAMS. We need to look at whether we would put the entrance to the childcare centre on the street away from the school.

We have also made commitments that there will only be a childcare centre there, with the associated carparking for the centre.

Now that the School community has been informed, there is no reason we can't get on site. Michael – pls liaise with David Jones about access and requirements.

There is a spotlight on this process now and Dan has committed to being consultative and informative with the school and I have committed the same to the existing childcare provider.

Liz

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From: Jones, David
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 4:02 PM
To: Prowse, Wayne
Subject: Montgomery Oval
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Wayne

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Kerry

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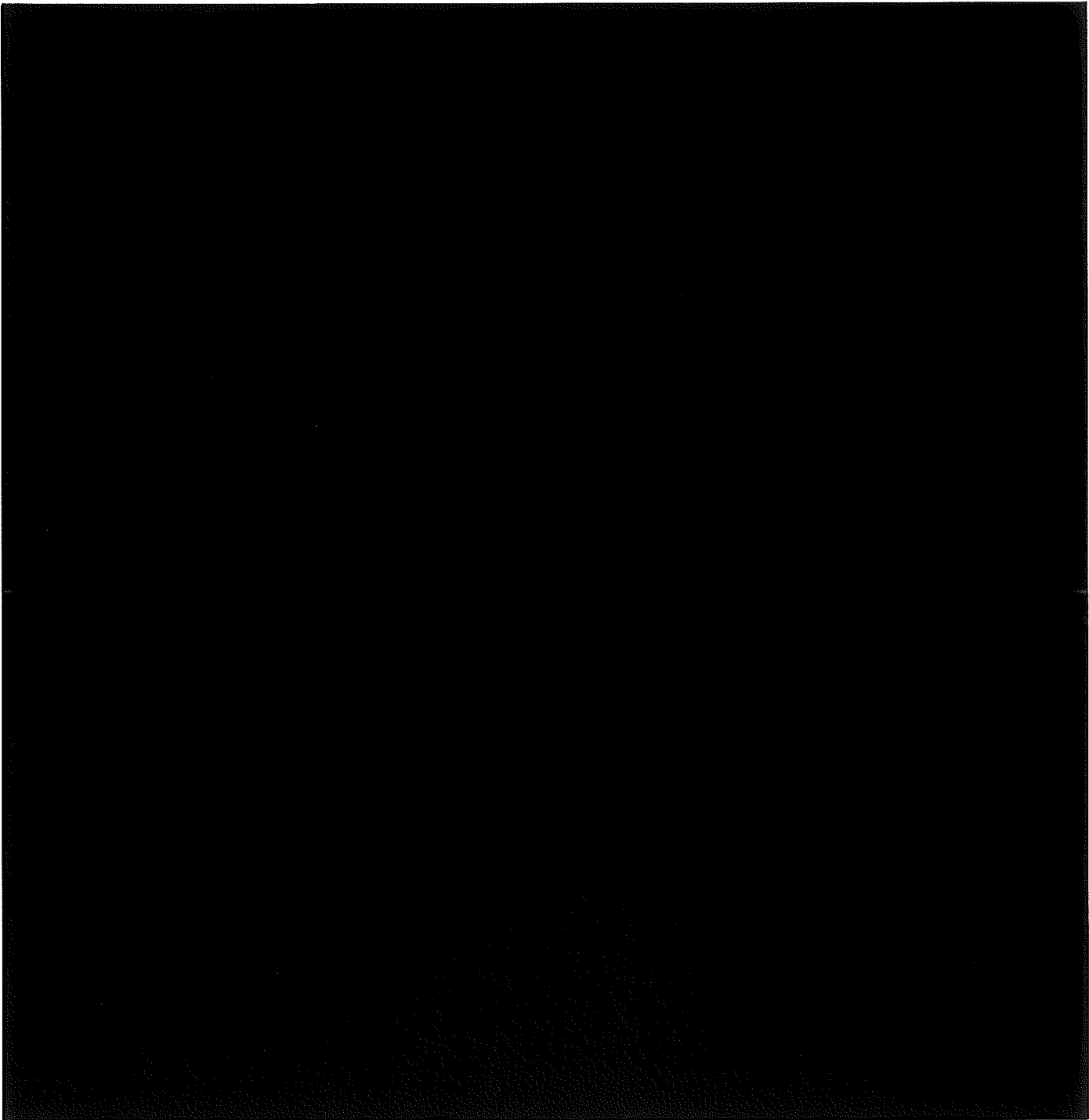
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Regards

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From: Stewart, Tracy (DET)
Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2015 9:29 PM
To: Bray, Rodney
Cc: Brighton, Meg; Prowse, Wayne; Jones, David; Kidman, Fiona; Wynants, John
Subject: Re: Telopea Park School: Montgomery Oval



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To: Bray, Rodney; Prowse, Wayne; Dobson, Liana
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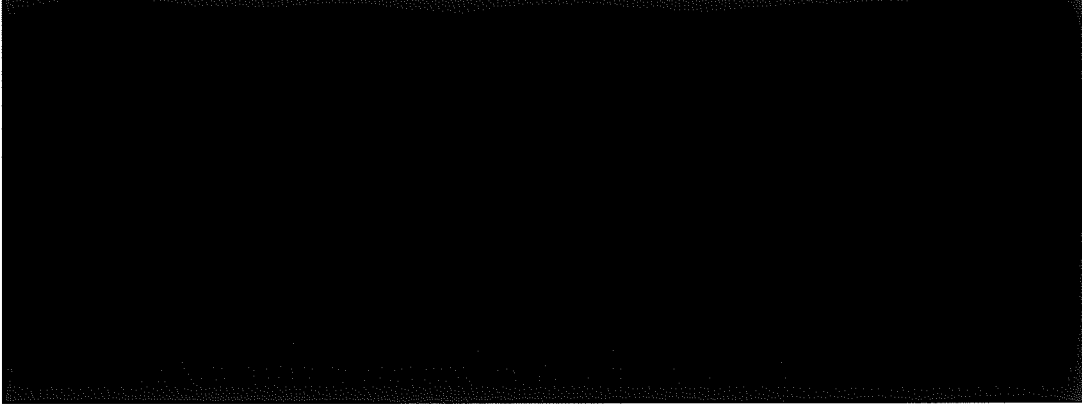
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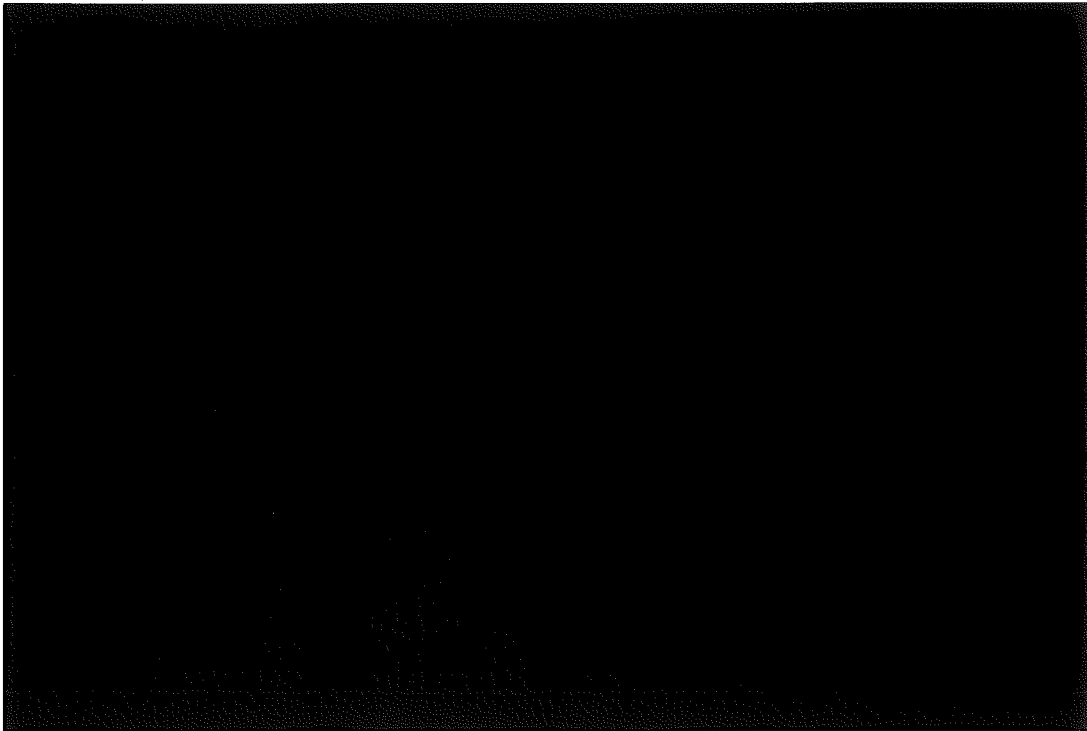
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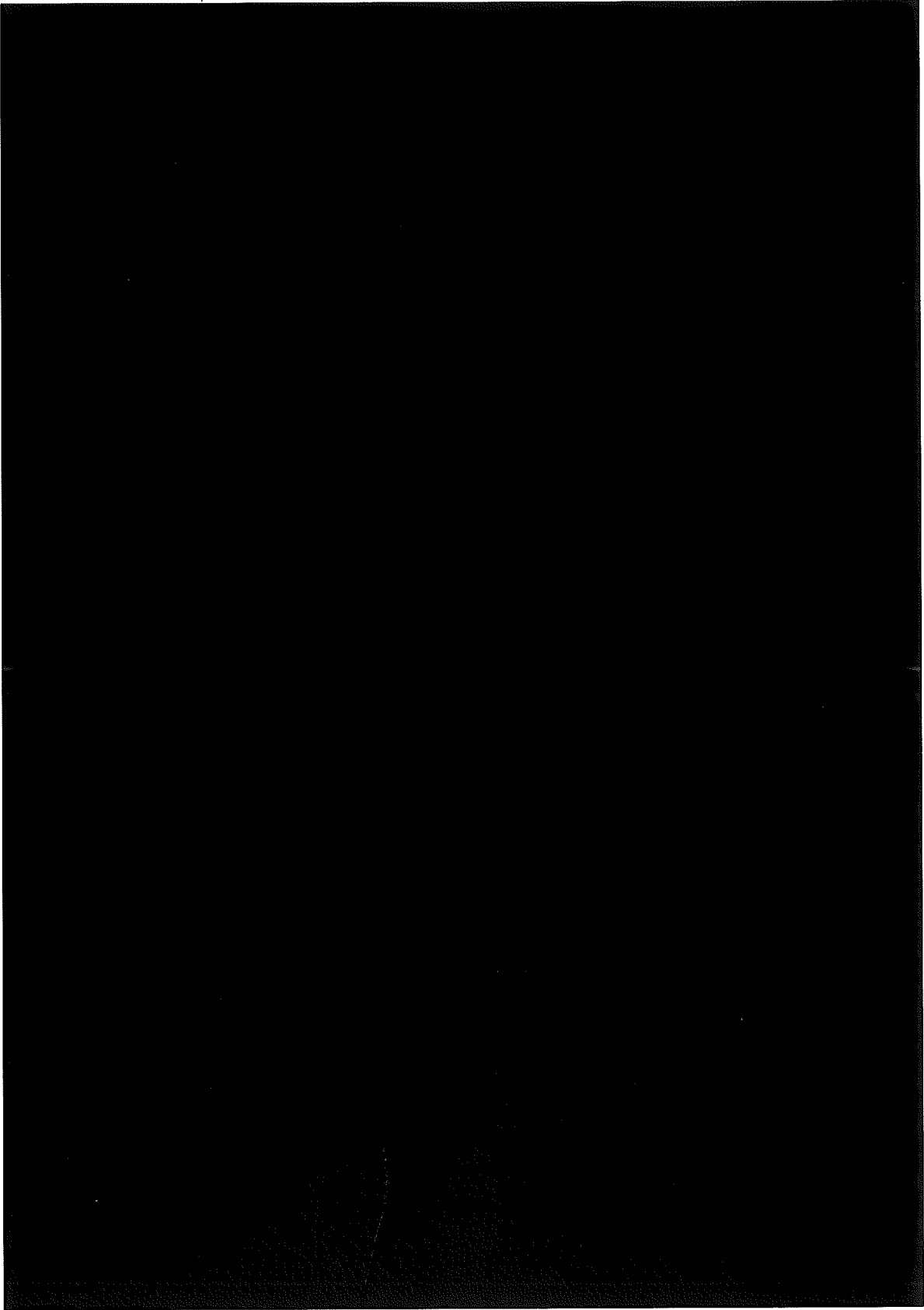
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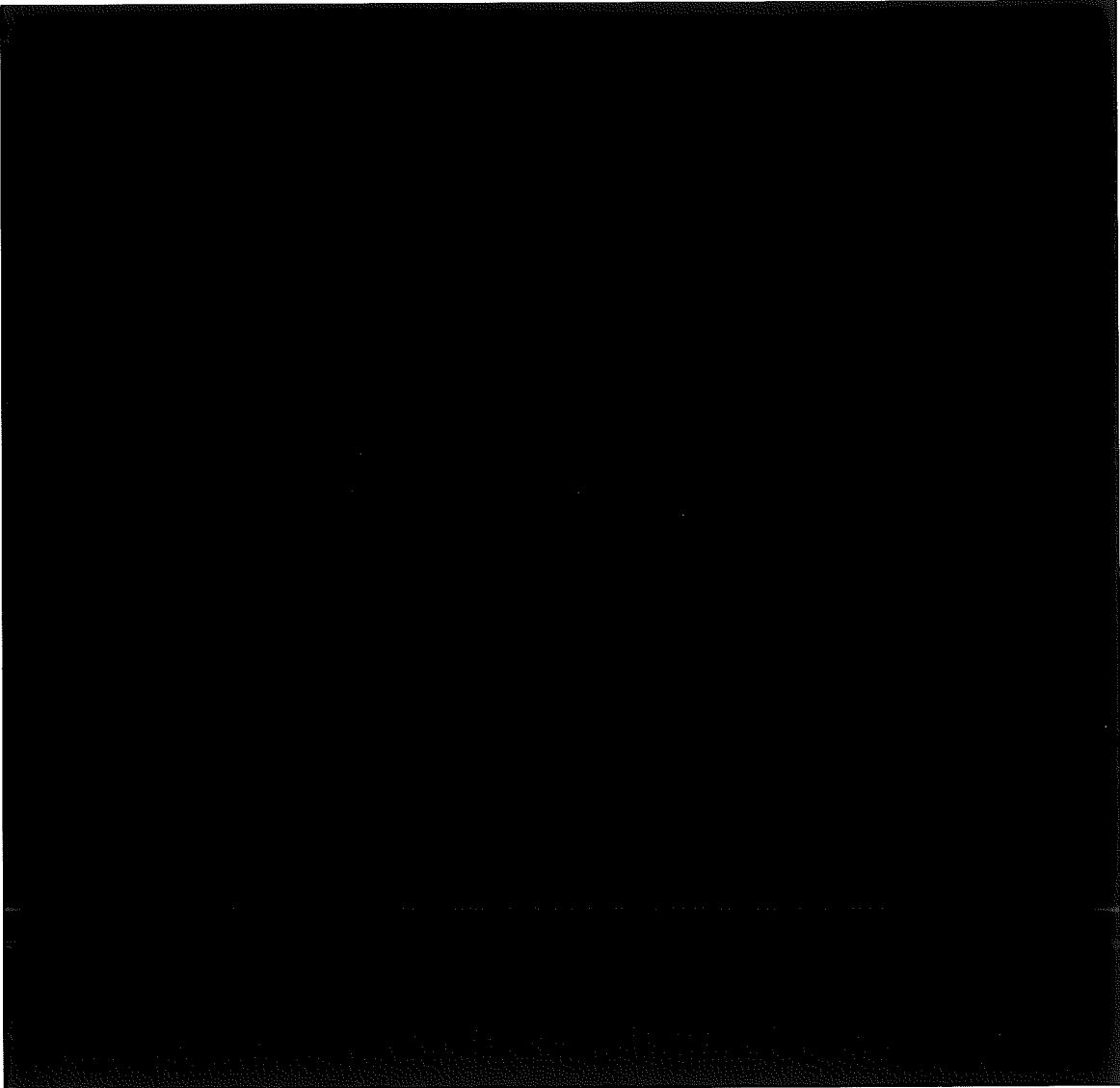


Transfer of School Land

Following the extraordinary Board meeting called in week 3 to discuss the transfer of Telopea Park School land from the Education and Training Directorate (ETD) to the Land Development Authority (LDA), many parents have asked for clarification about this. The transfer was apparently completed without the school's knowledge and without consultation with the community. Compensation of \$800 000 will be transferred to the school for development of four new tennis courts, change rooms and toilet facilities. This has not occurred as yet. The school has concerns that further land could be taken without consultation again. We have questions as to why public education land was involved in the Manuka precinct redevelopment. A letter written by the ETD was sent to all parents on the evening before the announcement went to the press. The school has considerable concerns about the safety of its students with increased road traffic adjacent to the school. This is where many students catch school busses in the afternoon.







Kerrie Blain
25 February 2015



**Telopea Park School
Parents and Citizens
Association**

26 February 2015

Ms Kathy Leigh
Head of Service and Director-General
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
GPO Box 158
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Ms Leigh,

TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS - MANUKA CIRCLE

I am writing on behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) of the Telopea Park School (the School) in relation to recently-published decisions by the ACT Government that directly affect our School and its students and, in particular, to express the P&C's deep concerns and disappointment over the way in which the ACT Government has apparently handled such decisions.

Background

By way of background, Mr Wayne Prowse, the ACT Education and Training Directorate's Network Leader for South/Weston, attended our P&C Annual General Meeting at the School on 11 February 2015. We were informed by our School principal, Ms Kerrie Blain, that Mr Prowse was attending our AGM for the purposes of observing how our P&C meetings are conducted.

During the 'Any Other Business' agenda item at the AGM, a specific question was put to Mr Prowse by a parent regarding whether a decision had been taken by the ACT Government to relocate the Manuka Occasional Childcare Centre Association (MOCCA), currently located on Flinders Way, and, if so, whether such decision would have any impact on Telopea Park School.

While Mr Prowse did not answer this question directly, he raised in his response the possibility that some part of the Telopea Park School grounds, namely the Montgomery Playing Fields, had been identified and was being considered by the ACT Government as "one possible option" for the MOCCA relocation but that no decision had yet been made.

The information disclosed by Mr Prowse at our AGM came as a complete surprise to the P&C since we had not previously been informed that any part of the School's grounds was under consideration for re-purposing.

Consultation and Communication

The lack of any prior warning from the ACT Government, or consultation with the P&C or to the best of our knowledge the School, regarding the proposed re-purposing of the School's playing fields, combined with reticence from Mr Prowse to engage in any open discussion of the issue at our AGM, has caused considerable confusion and concern amongst the P&C and the wider School community (both during and subsequent to the AGM).

Even more concerning is that, within a mere three days of the express statements made by Mr Prowse at our AGM that no decisions had yet been taken by the ACT Government in relation to re-purposing of the School's playing fields, *The Canberra Times* published an article which suggested that the re-purposing was, as they say, a 'done deal' involving not only MOCCA but also the Canberra Services Club, the Defence Housing Association and Manuka Oval (see <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-services-club-secures-home-in-act-government-land-swap-20150212-13d8ch.html>).

The P&C is deeply concerned that the ACT Government has apparently been engaged in implied lengthy and complex negotiations which have been "months in the pipeline" (to quote from *The Canberra Times* article) in relation to re-purposing of the School's playing fields and yet it did not at any time during such negotiations take any steps to consult with or even properly inform the School community.

Information provided at the School's Board Meeting

Subsequent to the AGM, an Extraordinary meeting of the School's Board was called by the Chair of Board. Representatives of the ACT Government attended the meeting to allow the Board the chance to ask questions about this decision. The representatives were Mr Prowse and Ms Tracey Stewart (from Central Office, Education and Training Directorate) and Ms Liz Lopa and Mr Dan Stewart from the Land Development Agency.

The essence of what the ACT Government's representatives said at the meeting was that the ACT Government had made a decision to conduct this negotiation with Defence Housing, Canberra Services Club and MOCCA and to not consult with the School until an agreement had been reached. We were informed that the ACT Government does not consult with schools or the community when it comes to decisions about the distribution and allocation of community resources.

The Board was told by the Principal, and the ACT Government's representatives confirmed that:

- Mr Prowse met with the Principal on 20 January 2015 to show her the plans for the tennis courts and the ~~MOCCA relocation~~.
- Ms Stewart and Ms Lopa briefed the Principal on 9 February 2015 that the land had been transferred from the School. The land had been valued and \$800,000 would be given to the School.
- The Principal was told that this matter was confidential and she was not permitted to tell the Board or the P&C until the ACT Government had prepared their communication strategy.
- Ms Stewart prepared a letter for the Principal's signature which was sent to the School community informing them about the transfer on 12 February 2015 (ie this was the ACT Government's "communication strategy").

The Board members asked the ACT Government representatives a number of questions about:

- the lack of consultation;
- the lack of transparency surrounding this decision;
- whether the Government had considered a safety strategy for the children and community to deal with the increased traffic issues before a decision was made; and
- what the School could do with the \$800,000 (ie whether there were any conditions attached).

The Board was told that:

- The ACT Government does not consult on matters to do with school land and the re-purposing of it. The P&C, Board and community could take part in the Development Approval process.
- Decisions of this type are made frequently by the ACT Government and this decision was approached no differently.
- The information provided to the P&C was incorrect and misleading.
- The School could use the tennis courts until replacement courts were completed. The funding should be sufficient to cover the cost of the tennis courts rebuild.
- The School had the discretion of how to use the funding.

The information above represents our current understanding of the situation as it currently stands.

Teloepa P&C Response

To be clear, the P&C is generally supportive of elements of the plan which was described in *The Canberra Times* article, in particular, the construction of a new building for the Canberra Services Club, improvements to childcare availability and supply with the new MOCCA facility and the improved ability to accommodate larger sporting events at Manuka Oval (and the resulting benefits to the local economy).

However, we currently lack the basic information required to conduct a meaningful overall analysis of the decision or assess its impact upon the School and the School community.

Suffice it to say that our strong preference is to not lose any part of our School's grounds and, at the very least, to have been included in some form of consultation regarding a decision which will have a direct impact on our children and our School.

Request for Further Information

In the circumstances, the P&C requests clarification and further information as follows:

- *Details of Plan*
Please provide exact details of the land proposed to be repurposed, including plans detailing which part of Montgomery Playing Fields and the tennis courts will be redeveloped and which land will remain accessible by the School.
- *Decision-Making*
Please provide details of the ACT Government's decision-making process which resulted in the decision to re-purpose the School's playing fields, including the time period of the process, the consultation undertaken and the proposed timescales for implementation of the decision.
- *Agreements Reached*
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- *Impact Assessment*
Please provide further information demonstrating the ACT Government's proper assessment and consideration of how the re-purposing of the playing fields will impact our School and the local community.

- *Traffic and Parking*

Please confirm whether the ACT Government has considered and conducted any studies on the impact a new childcare centre will have on the parking and traffic issues in the area surrounding our School.

The considerable parking and traffic safety issues that currently confront the School community have previously been well documented and publicised and, we can only assume, will only be made worse by the introduction of further traffic and parking demands in the area.

- *Valuation*

Please provide details of any property valuation which was obtained in respect of the land in question and how the replacement costs for the School's lost sporting facilities were assessed.

This information will assist the P&C in determining our next steps.

Open Government

Finally, we would appreciate your explanation of why the ACT Government did not consider it appropriate to involve the School and its P&C in a decision process which would directly affect the School and its students.

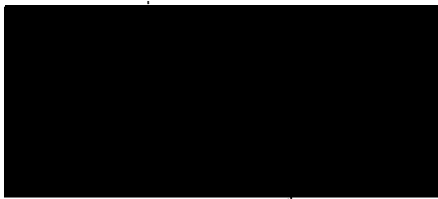
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- transparency in process and information;
- participation by citizens in the governing process; and
- public collaboration in finding solutions to problems and participation in the improved well-being of the Community.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving the further information requested above. I can be reached on 0405 070 136 or at president@telopeapnc.org.au.

We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Principal, Kerrie Blain, for her information.

Yours sincerely



Paul Haesler
President
Telopea Park School P&C Association

cc: Dan Stewart
Deputy Director General
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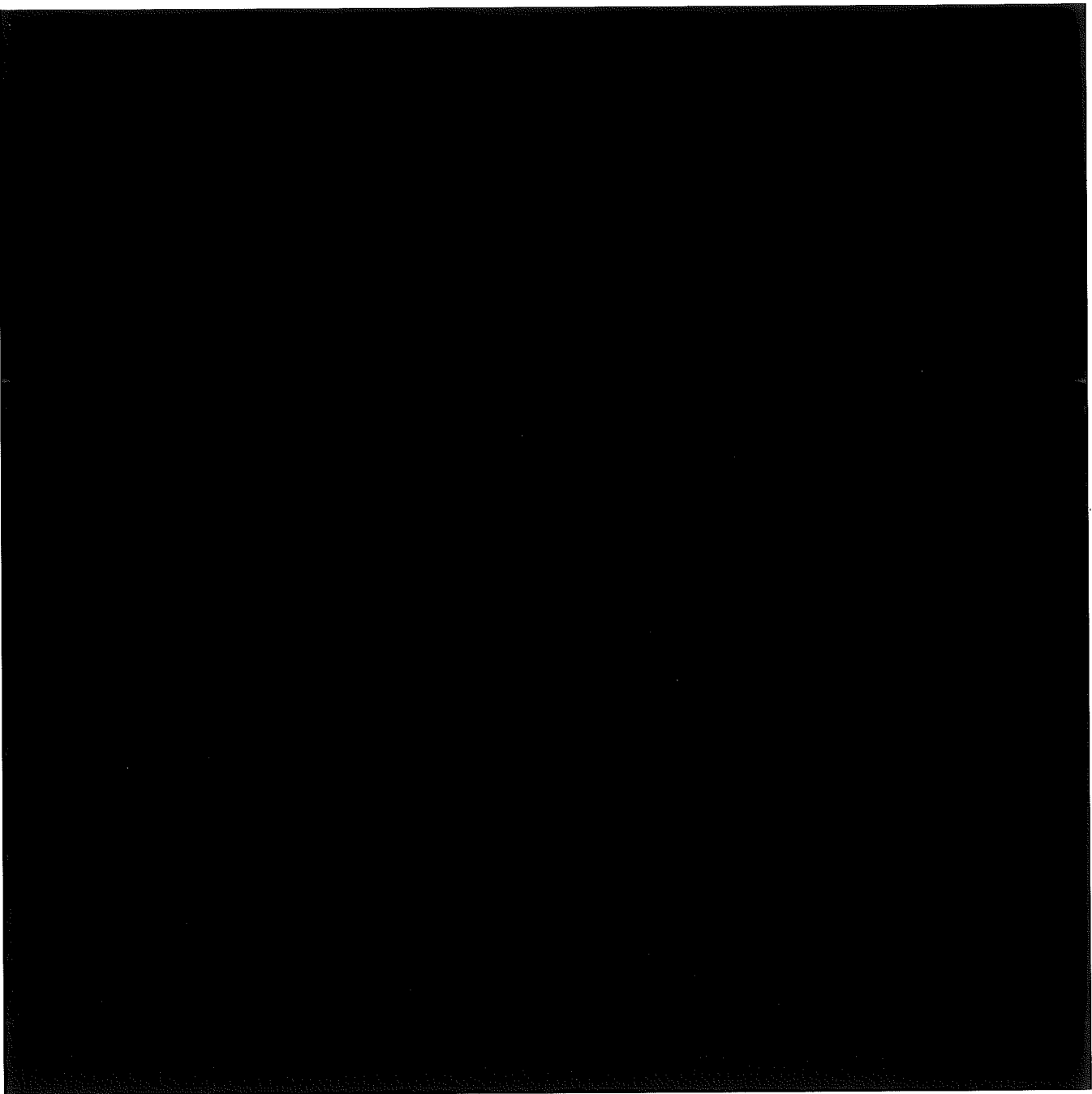
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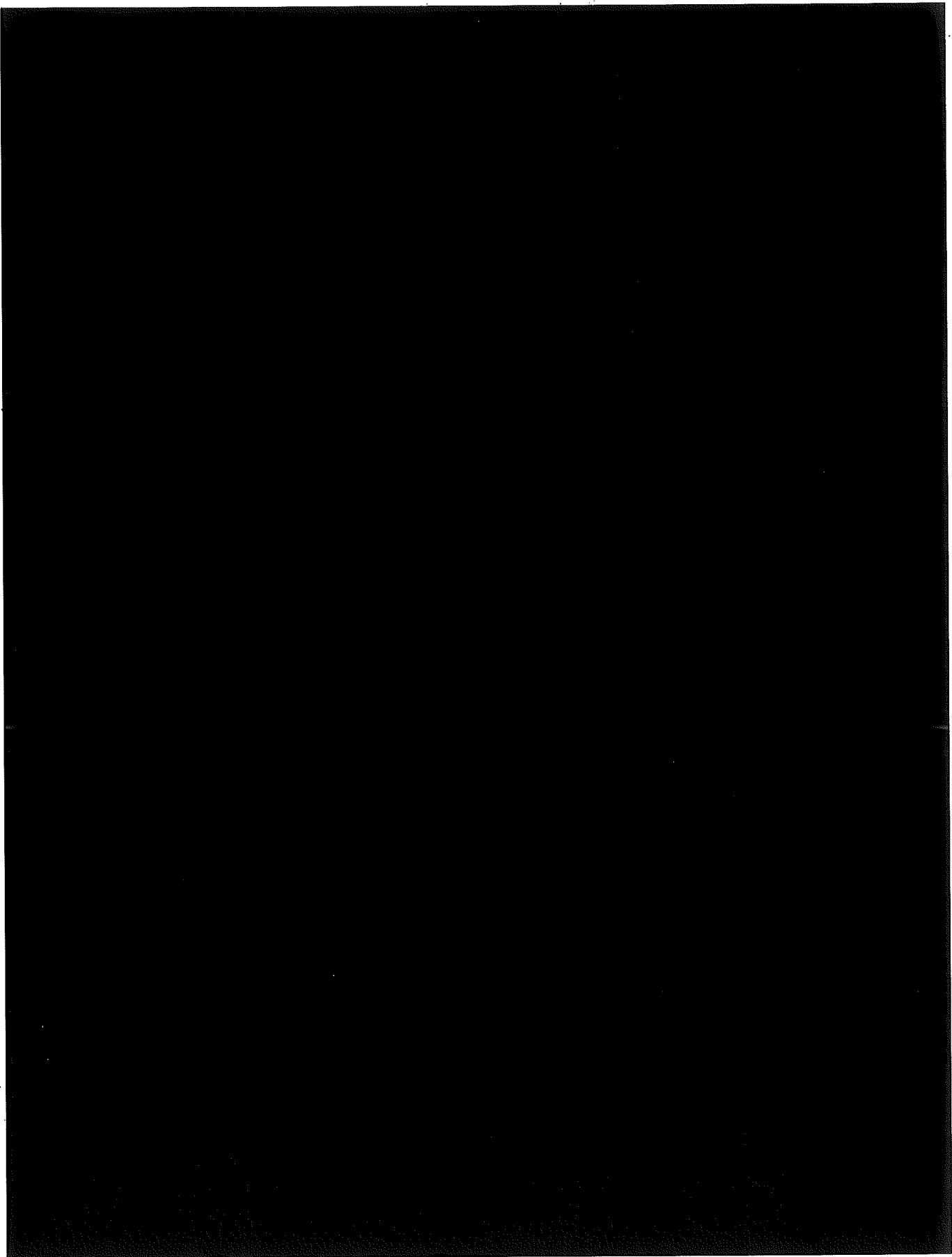
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Thank you

I am supportive of the approach, EDD/LDA would like to demolish the courts as soon as reasonable – so lets work in a reasonable timeline to assist the school consider the options so that the land can be released to market.

Regards
Meg





Thanks,

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