



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: 24-098

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Schedule	Published
4. Documents	Published
5. Additional information identified	Not applicable
6. Fees	Not applicable
7. Processing time (in working days)	29 days
8. Decision made by Ombudsman	Not applicable
9. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	Not applicable
10. Decision made by ACAT	Not applicable
11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable



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Transport Canberra
and City Services

Freedom of Information – Access Application Form

Privacy notice

The personal information you supply on this form will only be used for the purpose of processing your request. Your application must include an email or postal address to which the respondent can send notices under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act). If all or some of this information is not collected, Transport Canberra and City Services may not be able to communicate with you, inhibiting their obligations under the Act. This could mean the request cannot be dealt with. Your personal information will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent unless statutory obligations require otherwise.

The Transport Canberra and City Services Privacy Policy contains information on how you can access or seek to correct any of your personal information that is held by the Transport Canberra and City Services, as well as the process for lodging a complaint about an alleged breach of the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. The Privacy Policy can be found at www.cityservices.act.gov.au.

Applicant details

I wish to make an access application to Transport Canberra and City Services under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

Name	[REDACTED]
Address (where notices relating to this request can be sent – either postal or electronic)	[REDACTED]
Telephone (Business hours)	[REDACTED]
Telephone (Mobile)	
Email	[REDACTED]

What documents are you requesting under the Act?

I write to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (FOI Act) documents generated or received by the ACT Government in relation to the decision to remove the 4-seater spring toy and the playground sign at the Newbery Crescent Playground in Page.

Fee waiver

If you wish to apply for a fee waiver, the Act sets out a number of provisions to do so:

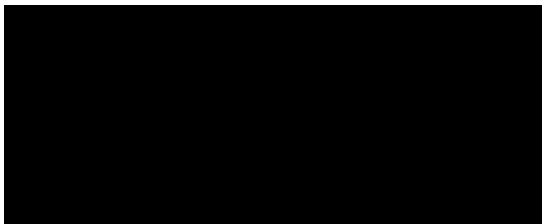
- The information being requested was previously publicly available but no longer is.
- The information being requested is of special benefit to the public (Ombudsman guidelines see Section 66).
- The applicant is a concession card holder and demonstrates a material connection with the information requested (concession cards include a current health care or pensioner card issued under the [Social Security Act 1991](#); a current pensioner concession card issued in relation to a pension under the [Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986](#) or [the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004](#); a current gold card; or a card prescribed by regulation).
- The applicant is a not-for-profit organisation and the application relates to the activities or purposes of the organisation.
- The applicant is a member of the Legislative Assembly.

Transport Canberra and City Services must waive any fees for providing information if the information was not publicly available and the agency makes the information publicly available before or within 3 working days after giving it to the applicant.

To apply for a fee waiver please complete the following.

I make this request pursuant to section 30 of the FOI Act.	
As a member of the ACT Legislative Assembly, I note that any fees and charges associated with this request will be waived in pursuant to section 107 (2)(e) of the Act.	
Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on [REDACTED]	
I would like	a copy of these documents sent to the above address

Applicant's signature	Date of request
[REDACTED]	25 June 24



Dear 

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 24-098

I refer to your application made to Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) on 26 June 2024. In your application you are seeking access to the following government information:

“... documents generated or received by the ACT Government in relation to the decision to remove the 4-seater spring toy and the playground sign at the Newbery Crescent Playground in Page”.

Timeframes

A decision on your access application is due on 6 August 2024.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Decision on access

A search for documents has been undertaken and a total of six documents have been identified as relevant to your request.

I have found that some of the information within these documents is, on balance, contrary to the public interest to disclose. I have decided to provide:

- Full access to one record; and
- Partial access to five records.

My decision is detailed further in the following statement of reasons. I have included a schedule of the documents at Attachment A. The documents are enclosed at Attachment B with deletions applied to information which is contrary to the public interest to disclose.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- the *Humans Rights Act 2004*.

The FOI Act has a pro disclosure bias, which requires information to be disclosed unless doing so would be contrary to the public interest. As an Information Officer, I must decide where, on balance, public interest lies in the disclosure of government information. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the steps for completing the public interest test. As part of this process, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 1 of the FOI Act. If no factor in schedule 1 is found relevant, I must then consider the factors listed in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

Schedule 1

- No relevant factors identified.

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2.1)

- Schedule 2.1(a)(iii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.
- Schedule 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2.1)

- Schedule 2.2 (a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

In reviewing the information in scope of your application, the personal information of third parties was identified, including mobile numbers of TCCS officers. As such, I find that the disclosure of this information would prejudice their right to privacy under the *Information Privacy Act* and the *Human Rights Act 2004*. I have found that this information is not readily available to the public and has not otherwise been disclosed by TCCS. I find that the protection of an individual's right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004* carries significant weight.

I have found that the factors favouring disclosure can be satisfied by the deletion of information which is contrary to the public interest. I have attached a list of the records at [Attachment A](#) and a copy of the records with redactions enclosed at [Attachment B](#).

Charges

No fee is applicable to this application as the number of pages being released is within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published on the disclosure log within 3 – 10 business days, with your personal information removed.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS' disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Johnson
Information Officer

6 August 2024

ATTACHMENT A - ACCESS APPLICATION SCHEDULE, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Reference Number: 24-098

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log

Factors favouring non-disclosure:

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2016*.

Reference number	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1	1 - 2	Subject - Min S2023-02513 - Scullin Playground	20 October 2023	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	Decision to be published on the TCCS Disclosure Log .
2	3-6	20231031 - Email with 3 images - Subject Page Newberry Cres Play item pics	31 October 2023	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
3	7-10	20231208 – Ministerial and response - S2023-2513	8 December 2023	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
4	11-14	20240304 - Email - Subject - FB comments re playgrounds	4 March 2024	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	

5	15-17	20240402 - Email with one attachment - Subject - Page Playground	2 April 2024	Partial access	Schedule 2.2(a)(ii)	
6	18-19	20240402 - Attachment - Advisory note	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	

Total number of documents: 6

Bruan, Nicole

From: Shrestha, Kaushal
Sent: Friday, 20 October 2023 3:10 PM
To: VanAalst, Jeffrey; DePasquale, Lawrence; Friend, Jody; Flederis, Lisa
Subject: [REDACTED] MLA - MIN S2023/02513 - Scullin playground - Playground - Maintenance

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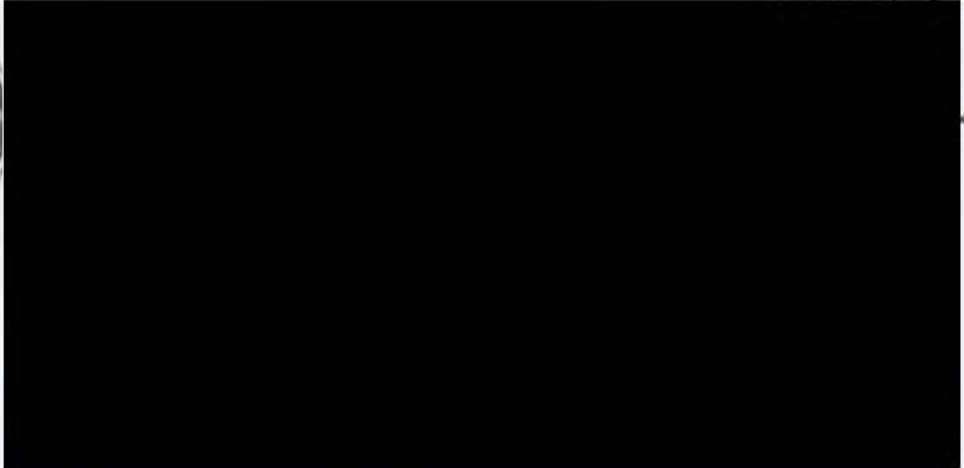
Hi All,

Can you please provide me some info in relation to the following for a ministerial response concerning

- State and Safety of this Playground
- When was mowing of this playground last conducted and is expected to be conducted next.
- Litter and weeds
- Public toilet Facilities

Thank you so much for your time.

Best Regards,
Kaushal



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister,

I write to make representations on behalf of a constituent from Lyneham regarding playground maintenance.

According to my constituent, he visited the playground in Newbury Crescent in Scullin with grandchildren last weekend. He is very disappointed with the state of the playground.

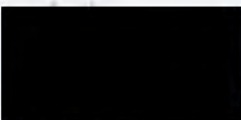
The constituent tells me that the grass had not been mowed for some time and was knee high. The seat on the swing was broken, making it unsafe for use. A local resident informed him that the playground has been in this sad state for months, if not years.

My constituent feels that Canberra is an eyesore and that taxpayers expect much better standards of maintenance. He sees litter everywhere, mowing that does not keep up with growth of grass and weeds, weeds filling roadside drains and gutters and dead or dying taking months to be removed. Finally, he believes there are not enough public toilet facilities and, if they do exist, are often dirty and poorly maintained.

I would appreciate if you could investigate these concerns and advise in due course of the government's position in relation to this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in relation to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



MLA

27 September 2023

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Bruan, Nicole

From: Flederis, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 1:57 PM
To: VanAalst, Jeffrey
Subject: Page Newberry Cres Play item pics
Attachments: IMG_1113.JPG; IMG_1114.JPG; IMG_1112.JPG

Lisa Flederis | Contracts and Programs Officer

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IMG – 1112

Dated - 31 October 2023



IMG – 1113

Dated - 31 October 2023



IMG – 1114

Dated - 31 October 2023





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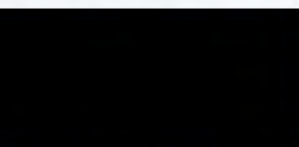
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Kind regards,



27 September 2023



Chris Steel MLA

Minister for Transport and City Services

Minister for Skills

Special Minister of State

Member for Murrumbidgee

[REDACTED]
ACT Legislative Assembly
London Circuit
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent about playground maintenance in Newbury Crescent, Page.

The ACT Government manages over 500 public play spaces located across the ACT. As each play space varies in age and condition, audits against Australian Standards for safety are regularly conducted to ensure play spaces remain fit for play and to determine the priority for play space upgrades. More than 26,000 safety inspections are undertaken on Canberra play spaces each year.

I have been informed that the most recent playground audit found the Newberry Crescent playground in Page to be safe and fit for purpose. Regular fortnightly maintenance checks will continue at this playground and any maintenance/safety issues will be addressed as they are identified on inspections.

Concerning mowing, I am advised that the mowing around the Newbury Crescent playground was last conducted on the week of 23 October 2023 and is expected to be conducted next by the end of November 2023.

City Services undertakes several types of mowing across Canberra with varying frequency. City Services aims to mow grass along arterial and connecting roadways every five weeks (25 business days) during the peak growing season. Suburban parks and public open spaces are generally mown every four weeks (20 business days) during peak growing periods and every two to three months at other times of the year. Irrigated parks and sportsgrounds are mown more frequently in keeping with their function. Fire fuel hazard reduction and conservation mowing is undertaken in accordance with standards set in relevant plans.

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The mowing map shows where crews have recently mowed and are planning to mow in the coming weeks, which is available at www.cityservices.act.gov.au/public-land/maintenance/grass-mowing#map; however wet weather may impact the delivery of this schedule.

Weed control by chemical, manual and other means is undertaken to complement mowing efforts and maintain amenity. Weed control is carried out along laneways, in urban parks and open spaces, along kerbs and gutters, in stormwater channels, along fence lines and bollards, on gravel medians, and in and around car parks and shopping centres. As is the case for mowing, weed control is prioritised in light of a range of environmental, safety and amenity considerations and in light of seasonal conditions and is generally undertaken 2-3 times a year.

Regarding litter, the ACT Government is very conscious about littering and the negative impact it has on our city's amenity. In general, City Services implements a regular litter picking program of parkland and main arterial roads. Litter picking along the main arterial roads is carried out every 4 weeks, town and district parks are cleaned weekly, with shopping centres, including car parks, inspected at least weekly and any litter found is removed. While thorough roadside litter picking programs are undertaken approximately every four weeks, main roads are also regularly inspected within this period to identify and program the removal of larger litter items.

City Services also conducts litter picking of areas prior to conducting mowing operations in the area and in some cases, litter is picked up on the go during mowing operations as required. Any rubbish missed during this process is cleaned up after mowing of the area has been completed. As the litter program is delivered in conjunction with other programs, all activities are integrated for better outcomes.

Unfortunately, despite regular litter picking programs targeting priority areas, new litter is constantly being deposited in areas immediately after it is removed. Maintaining a clean City requires a whole of community effort and cannot be tackled by the Government alone.

Regarding toilets, the ACT Government is currently responsible for the maintenance of 134 public toilets across the Territory, including 68 in the urban area, located at shops and in urban parks.

Public toilets are cleaned at least once daily, 365 days a year. Additionally, reactive cleaning and maintenance is undertaken as required.

The National Public Toilet Map is an online resource that provides information about publicly available toilets across Australia along with their operational hours and is available at <https://toiletmap.gov.au/>.

We are fortunate to live in a city that has over 823,500 public trees throughout our streets and parks. Trees provide many benefits including shading in summer, wind amelioration, improved air quality, reduced water runoff, habitat for wildlife, urban amenity, and increased property values.

City Services tree maintenance crews address around 10,000 tree maintenance requests each year. A team of skilled and experienced staff undertake tree assessments and determine the appropriate management action.

I have asked that an arborist from the Urban Treescapes Team inspect the trees at the Newbery Crescent playground in Page and undertake any actions required. This work will be monitored to ensure it remains on program; however, please be aware that timeframes provided may be rescheduled to allow for competing priorities, covid constraints, or any urgent responses to address risks to the community following unforeseen events such as adverse weather conditions.

Please encourage your constituents to report any future maintenance, including tree maintenance, or safety issues via Access Canberra on 13 22 81 or the Fix My Street portal at www.act.gov.au/fixmystreet. This system enables reports and requests to be logged and tracked and ensures historical communication between City Services staff and members of the public remains documented.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', is positioned above the typed name.

Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services
8 December 2023

Bruan, Nicole

From: Flederis, Lisa
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2024 8:09 AM
To: DePasquale, Lawrence; Marriage, Sue; Fulthorpe, Khi
Subject: RE: FB comments re playgrounds - responses being provided at 3 pm

Good morning Sue

This feels like a lifetime ago but did we ever get support to remove the one rocker in Newberry cres Page and decommission that playground? It is the site with one rocker under a tree and nothing else.

Regards

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From: DePasquale, Lawrence <Lawrence.DePasquale@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:03 PM
To: Marriage, Sue <Sue.Marriage@act.gov.au>; Flederis, Lisa <Lisa.Flederis@act.gov.au>; Fulthorpe, Khi <Khi.Fulthorpe@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FB comments re playgrounds - responses being provided at 3 pm

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Afternoon Sue

Thanks for the update interesting to see the comments. It still exactly the same thinking as the better Suburbs play spaces Forum. Good to see the same message coming from the public.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

Lawrence

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From: Marriage, Sue <Sue.Marriage@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:45 PM
To: Flederis, Lisa <Lisa.Flederis@act.gov.au>; DePasquale, Lawrence <Lawrence.DePasquale@act.gov.au>;
Fulthorpe, Khi <Khi.Fulthorpe@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FB comments re playgrounds - responses being provided at 3 pm

Hi all

No action needed on this. Just wanted you to see how the community are responding to this post. Quite encouragingly, they can see the quality over quantity argument still remains, a legacy of the Play Spaces Forum days.

Regards

Sue

From: Wadwell, Emily <Emily.Wadwell@act.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:36 PM

To: Marriage, Sue <Sue.Marriage@act.gov.au>; Iglesias, Daniel <Daniel.Iglesias@act.gov.au>

Cc: Fitzgerald, Bruce <Bruce.Fitzgerald@act.gov.au>; Virtue, Geoff <Geoff.Virtue@act.gov.au>; Richmond, Leilani <Leilani.Richmond@act.gov.au>

Subject: FB comments re playgrounds - responses being provided at 3 pm

Hi Sue, Daniel

Yesterday the playground safety inspection post went live on Facebook and as you can imagine – it is a comment fest. We have pulled out some we think we could respond to.

We intend to provide these back to CMTEDD by 3 pm today. If you have any concerns about the below, could you please let me know before then.

Thank you
Emily

Post	Suggested comment
<p>20 h Like Reply Edited</p> <p>Maybe quality over quantity? It's not a particularly impressive class one little playground with 2 pieces of play equipment then we head to the next substandard playground a couple of streets away to use a slide instead of a seesaw.</p> <p>21 h Like Reply</p> <p>The entire Braddon neighbourhood has 2 pieces of ancient play counts as a playground</p>  <p>13 h Like Reply</p>	<p>Hi [name], in 2022 we released the ACT Play Space Strategy. In Canberra we do have significantly more play spaces than the national average and we acknowledge some of these have low play value in comparison to those being constructed more recently. The Strategy will help guide our approach to investment across the entire play space network to ensure Canberrans have equitable access to a mix of district, central and local neighbourhood playgrounds. You can read more about the strategy and our approach here: https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/play-space-strategy</p>
<p>Could spend a bit (quite a bit) on maintaining existing playground standards of Queensland</p> <p>20 h Like Reply</p>	<p>Hi [name] in addition to the safety inspections, we are also undertaking maintenance both programmed and on an as needs basis. With over 500 playgrounds, above the national average, we are doing our best to ensure first and foremost all existing playgrounds are safe for use. You can read about our investment and our play space strategy here: https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/play-space-strategy</p>
<p>So many suburban playgrounds have been the same for decades. Government could conduct a kids questionnaire, and ask them what's worth going to! Playgrounds are mostly completely outdated - and one seat if you are lucky, so not too many people at any one time</p> <p>18 h Like Reply</p>	<p>Hi [name], we did! This consultation was undertaken as part of the play space strategy development in 2021. You can read about it here: https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/play-space-strategy</p>
<p>Isabella plains needs a serious up grade a slide and 2 swings and a cut it ,My grandkids don't like going there .</p> <p>19 h Like Reply Edited</p>	<p>Hi [name], we encourage the community to submit their requests for improvements at existing playgrounds via Fix My Street.</p>

<p>20 h Like Reply</p> <p>██████████ This is Navigator Park in Red Hill. Honestly, it is a really sad playground and chipped equipment. I hope something can be done to provide something interesting for children using this space.</p> 	
<p>██████████ I've been doing this about a playground when my kids were little, kids to the same park to see nothing ever seems to get replaced, just old and rusty.</p> <p>18 h Like Reply</p> <p>██████████ The one near me has a broken swing and some random pieces of equipment. Not sure what equipment used to be on it. Maybe the focus should be on quantity.</p> <p>59 m Like Reply 1 h Like Reply</p> <p>██████████ It would be good if they could put some shade over the playground. They fix up tree roots in the playground area in Kambah.</p> 	<p>Hi [name], this post talks to the safety inspections team who are doing regularly across all playgrounds. If you come across something that is broken or if you want to submit your local playground for improvements, we encourage you to make these reports/requests via Fix My Street.</p>
<p>██████████ ACT Government Why is the one being built in Tuggeranong Park compared to other new playgrounds elsewhere in Canberra?</p> <p>13 h Like Reply Edited</p>	<p>Hi ██████████ the new playground being constructed provides a lot more play opportunities than what was previously there. Not only is there some traditional equipment but there is a flying fox and nature play opportunities as well. This is being constructed as part of the Tuggeranong foreshores improvements and is part of a bigger upgrade to provide for not only users of the playground, but visitors to the area more broadly.</p>
<p>██████████ Yes, most of the playgrounds are suitable for 4+ kids only. 😞</p> <p>11 h Like Reply</p>	<p>Hi ██████████ in 2022 we released the ACT Play Space Strategy which talks to the plans moving forward to make our play spaces more suitable for all ages and abilities. You can read more here: https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/play-space-strategy</p>

Would be nice to have some substantial upgrades especially here
of Canberra seems to have a lot more newer areas so have more

The playgrounds here in Tuggeranong Isabella plains bonython
etc are in desperate need of updates.

16 h Like Reply

Hi there are three
significant upgrades underway
right now in the Tuggeranong
Town Park, Point Hut Pond
District Park in Gordon and the
Alston Street playground in
Chisholm. If there are other
locations where you would like
to see improvements, we
encourage you to submit your
suggestions via Fix My Street.

Bruan, Nicole

From: Marriage, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 12:58 PM
To: DePasquale, Lawrence; Flederis, Lisa; Fulthorpe, Khi
Subject: FW: Page Playground
Attachments: Advisory Note - MIN S2023_02739 - Play item removal Page.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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Hi all

Approval has been given for the removal of the rocker at Page playground. Hoorah!
Will leave you to progress the works as needed.

Cheers

Sue

Sue Marriage | Senior Director | Place Management (she/her)

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Making Flexibility Work - if you receive an email from me outside of normal business hours, I'm not expecting you to read or reply until normal business hours.



I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.
Artwork "Relationships" by Lynnice Letty Church

From: Liu, Michael <Michael.Liu@act.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:36 AM
To: Marriage, Sue <Sue.Marriage@act.gov.au>
Cc: Fenning, Sheldon <Sheldon.Fenning@act.gov.au>; Iglesias, Daniel <Daniel.Iglesias@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Page Playground

Hi Sue

We greatly appreciated the opportunity to chat with you and staff about playgrounds last week.

As confirmed by the Minister in the meeting, no issues with removing this play equipment for the reasons detailed in the advisory note.

Many thanks

Michael Liu

Chief of Staff | Office of Tara Cheyne MLA

From: Marriage, Sue <Sue.Marriage@act.gov.au>
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To: Liu, Michael <Michael.Liu@act.gov.au>
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OFFICIAL

Hi Michael

Thanks for the chat yesterday about playgrounds with the Minister.
One topic we discussed was Page playground and the need to remove the one piece of play equipment in it as it represents limited play value and is a safety risk. .
Today I have recalled the Advisory note that had been heading your way, as we discussed but have attached it to confirm the detail outlined in the meeting yesterday.

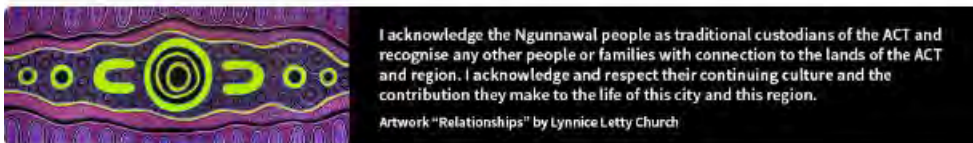
In the meeting, the Minister confirmed she was supportive of removing the play equipment so we will progress this work as soon as possible.
Would you mind confirming this support in this email for our records.

Hope you have a great Easter break.
And we will lock in staff for the next session about weed spray program next week.

Thanks again

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Advisory Note – Minister Cheyne

Objective Reference: MIN S2023/02739

To: Minister for Transport and City Services

Through: Director-General
DDG, City Services
EGM, City Operations

From: EBM, City Presentation

Subject: Removal of a play item from the suburb of Page

Purpose:

- To provide information on the reason for removal of a single rocker play item in the suburb of Page. This is the only play item in the park in Newberry Crescent, Page.

Advice:

- Place Management is planning the removal of a low value play item in a parkland on Newberry Circuit in Page.
- The identified play item has reached end of life, is low use and located in a small neighbourhood park under a large mature tree (see photos – [Attachment A](#)).
- It is proposed that this item is removed rather than replaced as it does not meet current design guidelines, due to its proximity to the tree.
- Replacement works have the potential to incur damage to the root system and be detrimental to the health of the tree, with excavation works required to replace the item and install new fall zones and soft fall.
- Also, whilst this play item is still fit for purpose, the cost of upgrading the area with new soft fall and a border around the site to make it safe would incur a cost of approximately \$14,000.
- The removal of this play unit does not compromise playground distance and distribution requirements as outlined in Municipal Infrastructure Standards. The suburb of Page has another 5 playgrounds that adequately cater for play requirements.

Noted/Please Discuss

Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City Services
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Attachment A Photos of site

