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Please give your views on the future of our suburbs. Some sweeping changes are in the wind.

The ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) wants your comments on ideas for the future of our suburbs. Some of the most important issues are:

- The possibility of more "medium and higher density housing" including 3 storey, 80% plot ratio apartments in Griffith/Narrabundah.
- Doubling the Griffith Shops, taking a large part of Throsby Park. (How will parking be provided without taking even more of the park?)
- Taking open space for a dedicated site for a library "to be built in the mid-term". (Is there any guarantee that a new library will be built?)
- Reserving the site that houses the Griffith Library as a site for possible future educational facilities or aged persons units. (Is there any guarantee that the library will remain open until a new one is built?)
- Demolishing the O'Connell Centre (near the Griffith Shops on Stuart St.) and selling off the land for aged persons units. (Is there any guarantee that this will include critically needed nursing home beds, or will it just be a retirement complex?)

Please drop in, even for just a few minutes, to see and comment on ACTPLA's preliminary thoughts for the future of our suburb and shops.

ACTPLA Neighbourhood Planning Information Session
for Griffith, Narrabundah, Forrest, Red Hill, Garran, Hughes, and Yarralumla
Thursday 17 June 2004 from 4pm to 7pm
At Southside Community Services, Boolimba Crescent, Narrabundah

What do you think about

- Formally protecting and designating the open spaces in the centre of Griffith (Section 78) as "Urban Open Space" land?
- Protecting more parts of Griffith and Narrabundah by including them in the ACT Heritage Register?
- The need for a multi-use South Canberra Community Centre that could include the Griffith Library, a community hall, meeting rooms, a Senior Citizen's Centre and Health Centre, arts and activity spaces, indoor recreation etc.?