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Dear

I am writing to you in relation to the continuing “saga” of the Service Stations in Weston Creek that have been left in what seems to be limbo. There are three that continue to be eyesores to everyone, Chapman, Rivett and Duffy.

This seems to have been going on now for around ten years which is an extremely long time for these sites to have remained “abandoned”. I know that Chapman has had a Development Application approved and some initial ground work has been done there. However, the other two sites seem to have been left the way that they are for years now.

The Community continues to raise this issue with Council as they remain in an abandoned state. Could you please advise just what the Government’s position is on these sites and when something positive will be done to either reclaim them or have the sites redeveloped.

Yours sincerely

Tom Anderson  
Chair  
Weston Creek Community Council



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Mr Tom Anderson  
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Dear Mr Anderson

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2013 on behalf of the Weston Creek Community Council regarding the status of the former service station sites at Chapman, Rivett and Duffy.

I appreciate the interest that the Council has in local community issues and I acknowledge that these sites are a long standing cause of concern and frustration for residents.

The ACT Government remains committed to resolving the longstanding and often complex issues that are unique to these sites and other former service station sites across Canberra (including environmental assessment and remediation where needed). The Government has provided funding in recent years to specifically address these types of properties to ultimately achieve effective redevelopment outcomes.

I acknowledge that it is difficult for the local community when they don't observe tangible activity on these sites, Duffy being the exception. I have been advised that Mr Kevin Rochford of the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) spoke to you on 4 December 2013 and has explained the Government's approach in detail and the progress achieved to date.

ESDD will continue work to progress development outcomes across these sites. I understand that you have Mr Rochford's contact details and I encourage you to contact him if you have further enquiries about these properties, as he continues to work through these issues over the coming months.

I appreciate you raising the Council's concerns with me.

Yours sincerely

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