



**Candidates/Policy Statements concerning
Lake Burley Griffin and West Basin
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From: PARTON <PARTON@parliament.act.gov.au>
Date: 26 March 2020 at 12:26:41 AEDT
To: penny moyes <pennymoyes@yahoo.com.au>
Subject: RE: re West Basin decision

Penny,

Thanks for your email.

I am just as dismayed by the timing of this announcement as you are. It would be easy to believe that the Government is hoping to slide this all through under the radar while everyone is focusing on the virus.

The Canberra Liberals do not support what the Government has proposed for the City to the Lake Development. Whilst we are not fundamentally opposed to limited development on the site, we believe that we should be concentrating additional commercial and residential development in the existing City and Town Centre boundaries. Given the declining state of City Walk and Garema Place, what we need is a consolidation of the existing areas, not a further expansion of the City. We don't wish to see the waters edge turned into an overcrowded and dense building zone.

Further to this, the Liberal Opposition brought about a series of inquiries and investigations regarding questionable transactions related to the City to the Lake project. Late last year, the Liberals started asking questions about these transactions in Assembly Committee hearings and it has now resulted in an ACT Auditor-General's inquiry and a retired former Commonwealth Auditor-General doing a governance review of the LDA.

In the short to medium term, the Canberra Liberals would welcome improvements to landscaping, the path network and perhaps additional amenities, such as a café or two, but we do not think opening up another precinct is needed.

I hope that adequately answers your questions.

CANDICE BURCH^{MLA}

Liberal for Kurrajong



There is a better way.
Vote Liberal.

SAVE WEST BASIN

Lake Burley Griffin is an iconic feature of our city and a national treasure. This is why a **Canberra Liberal Government will stop Andrew Barr's dodgy land swap deal** and his plans to develop big apartment towers on the West Basin.

Barr's plan to reclaim part of the lake for development is excessive and unnecessary. Rather than establishing yet another competing precinct, we need to consolidate, promote and properly maintain our city and local centres so that the precincts we already have are vibrant and thriving.

Any future development of the West Basin must reflect the character of the area, maintain access to the lake, and go through proper and genuine community consultation.

We will preserve and enhance our open green space. We will protect our Lake. And we will ensure that our beautiful city remains the Bush Capital.

Vote Liberal this October to save West Basin.

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Bruce Paine – Independent candidate for Kurrajong at the ACT Election.

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I promise to:

- Save West Basin and similar areas from Developers.
- Push for an appropriate non-negotiable height limit and plot ratio for each high-rise Unit development, to protect future and current residents.
- Freeze all rates and taxes until July 2022.
- Review ACT Budget spending to get better value for our money.
- Maintain the ACT's progressive social and environmental policies.

If elected, I will oppose any filling in of Lake Burley Griffin and any residential or commercial development in the West Basin area and similar areas around all of Canberra's lakes and ponds. I will support their transformation into areas for the community's enjoyment.

I am not against all Development, but want to see good Developments in appropriate areas – and the latter excludes the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin and Canberra's other Lakes and ponds.

I regard myself as socially progressive, but financially responsible.

I think the community needs to pay enough rates and taxes to support public services particularly for people in need; however rates and taxes also need to be more affordable for the community.

As a former Public Servant I will NOT support attacks on the ACT's public service or anything that undermines a fair and inclusive community.

I am promising to freeze all rates and taxes until July 2022.

Under Labor/Greens, rates have increased enormously.

They have tried to deflect criticism by saying that stamp duty is lower.

However, what Labor/Greens cover up is that the total of all ACT government taxes has increased in per capita terms, and it has increased more quickly than average incomes.

Post COVID the signs, unfortunately, are that there will be little or no growth in the income of many people in Canberra – APS employees, people relying on Commonwealth super, self-funded retirees, academic staff, and many small businesses. Some people, unfortunately, have already lost their jobs or had their income reduced.

Labor/Greens record is they keep increasing taxes more quickly than our income.



Protect the Lake! Vote for ALVIN HOPPER

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTY candidate for Kurrajong

CAP opposes the West Basin project

Alvin moved to Canberra over 30 years ago, and he lives in Dickson. As a government lawyer he drafted legislation for the Commonwealth and the ACT. He has a PhD in Territories law. Alvin is actively involved in his church. He is a keen member of the Canberra Welsh Society, and has a long-held interest in the Welsh language. He is a bridge player; for exercise he enjoys walking along our hill trails.

If elected he will take a keen interest in examining proposed laws. With no house of review as a check on executive power, many laws get passed without proper scrutiny. Alvin has been actively involved in CAP since it began in 2008, and he has served as the party secretary for several years. Here, Alvin explains what motivates him:

“Canberrans deserve to have more say in how the ACT is run. Major decisions are taken behind closed doors, with merely nominal public consultation. The West Basin project includes a plan to build apartment blocks on the verge of Lake Burley Griffin. The Greens and Labor ignore our environment, but we in CAP care deeply about it.

As an MLA for Kurrajong, I will fight to stop the lake’s shoreline being ruined.

We must jealously protect our wonderful bush land and urban green spaces. Among other important matters, we must ensure the welfare of children and disadvantaged residents, tackle homelessness effectively and rein in rampant urban development.”

CAP is determined to promote better government. In particular, we wish to see more community participation, and greater transparency. We seek improvements for the benefit of all residents. We value our distinct identity, but we will always work constructively with others. CAP is ready to tackle the issues that Canberra faces.

See our complete range of policies at: www.cap.org.au