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**Inquiry into the Provision of Municipal Services in the ACT
Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory Standing
Committee on Transport and City Services**

Terms of Reference

The Committee will inquire into and report on the provision of municipal services in the Australian Capital Territory, including:

- a) The maintenance and upkeep of public spaces such as playgrounds, sportsgrounds, local shops, verges and waterways;
- b) The appropriateness of the geographic spread of active travel infrastructure, parks and playgrounds;
- c) The effectiveness of services related to waste removal;
- d) The effectiveness of policies relating to street art and graffiti removal;
- e) Benchmarking ACT performance against similar jurisdictions for each of the items listed above; and
- f) any other related matter

CONTEXT

Yarralumla Residents Association Objectives and Purposes

The Yarralumla Residents Association aims to represent all those in the community who reside in Yarralumla, with particular emphasis on maintaining and improving the quality of life for the residents of Yarralumla.

Its specific aims are:

- (a) To provide a focus and co-ordination point for representing the views of the Yarralumla community;*
- (b) To work towards maintaining and improving the quality of life of the Yarralumla community; and*
- (c) To keep the Yarralumla community informed about policy, environmental and social issues affecting or likely to affect Yarralumla.*

SUBMISSION

The Yarralumla Residents Association (YRA) makes the following short submission to the Inquiry focusing on the Terms of Reference point a). The YRA finds that there is almost no proactive maintenance and repair of infrastructure. The approach taken appears to be solely one of fix things that are broken and only when reported to Fix My Street. The government has effectively cost shifted inspection and reporting of works to the public. Six examples follow see pages 2 to 7.

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1. Potholes in Roads

Potholes are repeatedly patched and not properly resurfaced. Here are two examples follow not properly fixed in over 5 years. The photos below were taken today, 12 December 2025. One example is in Schlich Street where the road is disintegrating with extensive crocodile cracking – but only the pothole in the middle has been patched and patched! Similarly the two potholes at the junction of Weston and Guilfoyle Streets

Schlich Street 12-12-2025



Weston Street 12-12-2025 – two potholes



2. Damaged Signage

The give way sign at the roundabout on the corner of Weston Street and Bentham Street at the Yarralumla Shops is leaning over as it was knocked by a vehicle 9 months ago. However as no-one has reported it on Fix My Street it has not been fixed.

Bent Give-way Sign Yarralumla Shops 12-12-2025



3. Stormwater network pipes - maintenance and run off

On 13 January 2024 around 12 dwellings experienced significant flooding from stormwater run-off in Section 65 Yarralumla. This resulted in insurance claims. The stormwater drains under the road and nature strips were blocked and had not been cleaned in 30 years

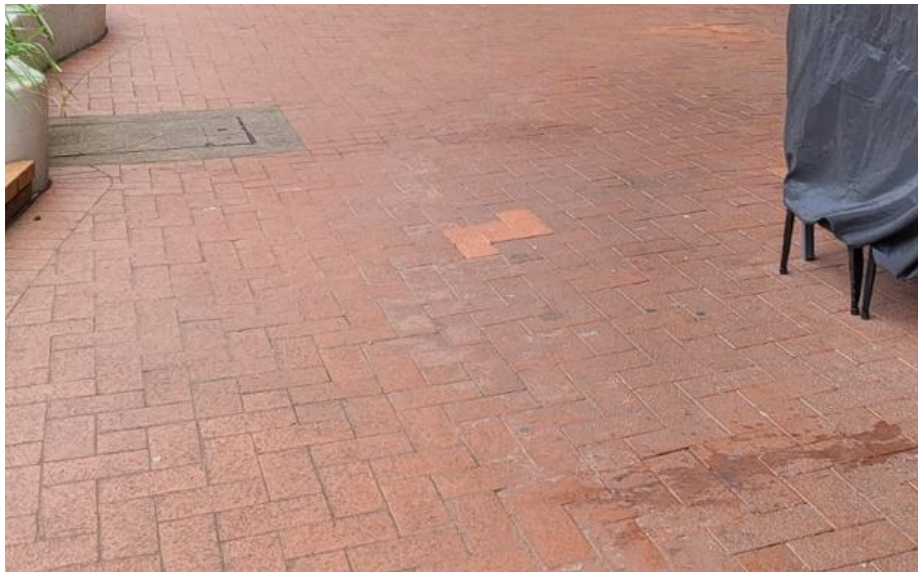
4. Footpaths and Pedestrians

2003- Uneven and displaced pavers formed a serious trip hazard in front of the Chemist at Yarralumla Shops – it took over 2 years of requests by the YRA and meetings with ACT government representatives to get these fixed. The Chemist had to put tape on the ground of a particularly dangerous area to warn people.

5. Shopping Centre Maintenance

Local Shopping centres are not maintained. At the Yarralumla Shops the drains are clogged, pavements filthy as never cleaned. There have been significant areas of damaged and broken footpaths in Yarralumla that were finally replaced in 2023 after over 5 years of lobbying.

Yarralumla Shopping Centre pavement never cleaned 12-12-2025

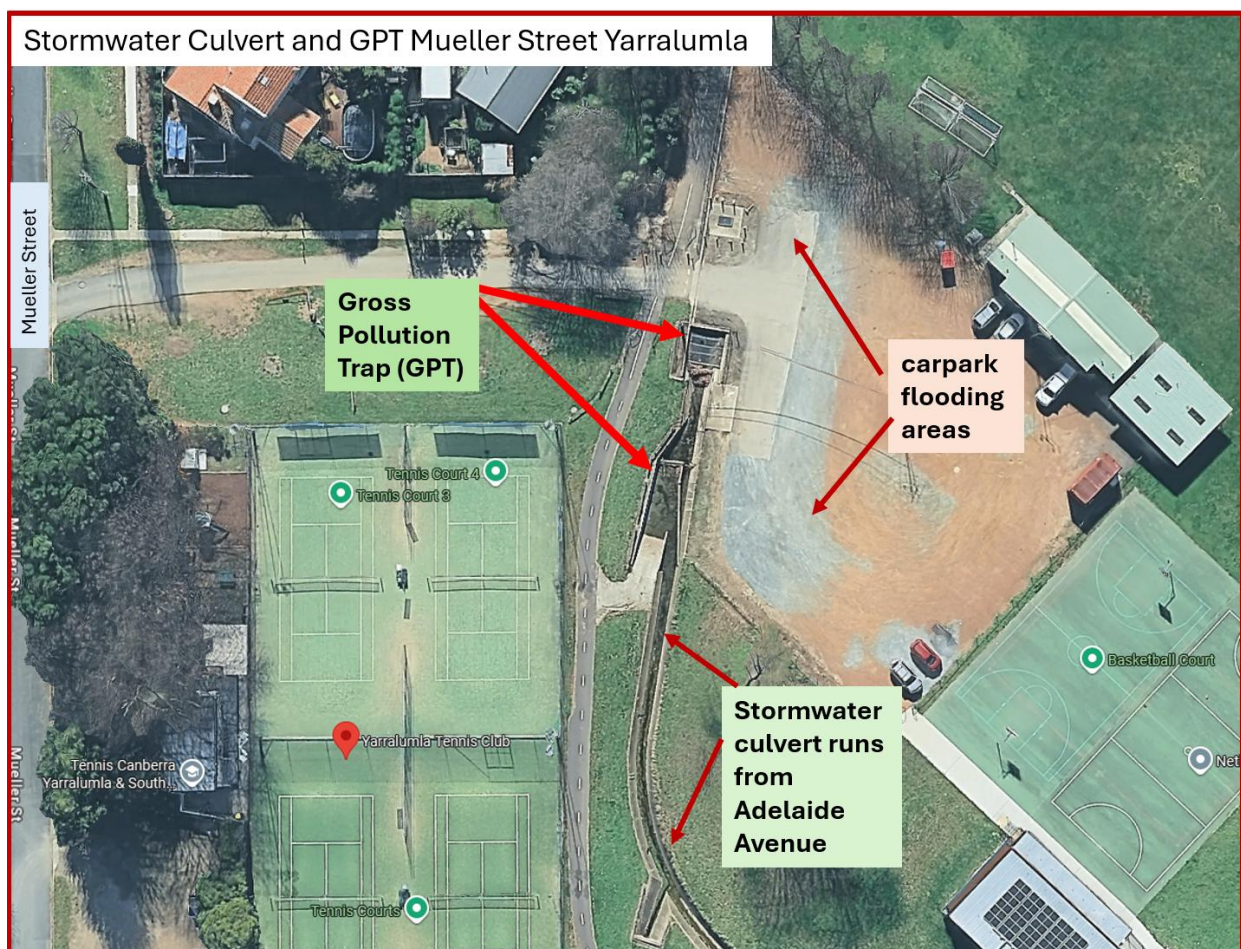


Yarralumla Shops clogged drain in pavement 12-12-2025



Stormwater Culverts and Gross Pollution Traps (GPT)

The stormwater Gross Pollution trap between Muller Street Tennis Courts and the School Playing fields carpark gets blocked with logs , branches, leaf litter and waste materials following each period of rain. This blockage often causes flooding of the car park and surrounding areas. Despite this regular occurrence of blockage the GPT is only cleared if it is reported on Fix My Street. When left for a few days the wet vegetation rots the stench is highly unpleasant for those using the tennis courts, walking on the footpath and using the car park. The diagram below shows the location of the GPT and a series of photos of blockages after rainfall in 2005 and 2004.



GPT 5 December 2025



GPT 27 January 2025



GPT May 2024



Stormwater culvert above GPT at Neuman Street 5 November 2024

