



Mr Mick Gentleman,
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Progress on the Capitol Hotel, Manuka

Dear Minister

Our members, and several letter writers to the Canberra Times, are frustrated by the apparent lack of any progress regarding the construction of Capitol Hotel Stage 2 on Section 96 Griffith. Local businesses are suffering, and we have no access to the footpaths adjacent to Stage 1.

We understand, from discussions with the Planning Directorate, that ACTPLA and Mrs Liangis had agreed to an amended Development Application (202038142/197E), which was lodged on 17 October 2022 and approved by ACTPLA on 9 November 2022. However, nothing appears to have happened on the site since then.

The Planning Directorate could not provide any answers, but we have heard from second-hand rumours, that the delay is associated with government charges associated with the development. Consequently, we wrote to the Chief Minister as the ACT Treasurer, but we were advised that you were the Minister responsible, hence this request.

We would like to know:

1. Why has there been such a long delay for the start to Stage 2 of the hotel?
2. When do you expect construction will continue?
3. Can the ACT Government provide an update on progress for residents and local traders?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Denham', written in a cursive style.

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