



Community co-operative to anchor Giralang Shops

Independent candidate for Yerrabi David Pollard has announced the first tangible solution for Giralang shops in 15 years.

Mr Pollard will establish a community-owned co-operative to become the anchor tenant for the long-delayed Giralang shops development.

The co-op will receive start-up funding and support from the government and will be handed over to the Giralang community.

“Not a brick has been laid since Labor candidates – now MLAs – promised a solution at the 2016 election,” Mr Pollard said.

“The people of Giralang have been let down time and time again by a Labor/Greens government intent on doing nothing to help.

“They make vague promises at election time, but then pass the buck to private enterprise once elected.

“Clearly after 15 years a solution is going to need intervention, but the government has shown it is not willing or interested.

“At least this election they aren’t even pretending to care anymore.”

The site of the former Giralang Shops is surrounded by temporary fencing that has been in place one way or another for 15 years. 3 development applications have been approved in that time, but Giralang has seen no progress on construction.

“Children graduating year 6 at Giralang Primary have lived their entire lives thinking it is normal to have derelict constructions sites sitting there in our suburbs,” Mr Pollard said.

“They go past the shops site on the way to school every day, and it is a normal part of their lives.

“Not only is it an eyesore, it is not safe, especially being right next to a primary school.”

“I am excited by this initiative and look forward to finally concluding the gruelling struggle of the Giralang community.”

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