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Mr. Peter Lundy
President
Friends of the Albert Hall Inc

Dear Peter,

I refer to your letter of 19 August 2008 addressed to Mr. Duncan Brice, the registered officer of the Pangallo Independents Party.

Frank Pangallo requested me to respond to your letter and questionnaire on behalf of him and the party.

Frank, Luciano Lombardo and I, are the three candidates for our party standing in the Molonglo electorate.

We are all in agreement that the Albert Hall should be retained in ACT Government ownership, with its main or prime function being affordable community, cultural and civic use.

In fact we would give a positive response to each and every one of your ten questions.

The three of us are standing on a platform focusing on local and environmental issues

Those issues include:

-more open and transparent government, with an emphasize on proper consultation, particularly in the future development of Canberra and the use of its existing assets.

-revitalizing town and city centres, such as Civic, & Dickson and the smaller suburban shopping centres .

-reversing the downward trend in the provision of services to ACT residents

-bringing a halt to the privatization and commercialization of large tracts of the territory's public spaces.

-re-opening suburban libraries closed by the current government, with priority given to Griffith library.

We are well aware of the effect that closing suburban schools and local facilities, such as libraries, has had on the ACT community, and thus support organizations such as yours, which seek to preserve our history and community facilities.

3/10/2008

Frank, Luciano and I have all lived in the Canberra district for over thirty years and the Albert Hall has a place in each of our hearts.

I have also read the excellent article by Canberra historian Dr Lenore Colbert on the Albert Hall, which has served to reinforce my views that the future of this remarkable and stately building must be secured, in line with your proposals.

Yours sincerely

Phil Thompson
Pangallo Independents candidate for Molonglo

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