



**ACT Legislative Assembly Elections 2008 – Policy Questionnaire to Parties and Independent Candidates from Friends of the Albert Hall Inc.**

Responses from Tony Farrell, Independent Candidate for Melonglo  
Do you:

1. agree to recognise the Albert Hall as a municipal "town hall" facility with its prime function being affordable community, cultural and civic use;

Response: Yes. Very much so. I'd like to see affordable dances there again as well, & jazz shows & stuff on with locals.

2. commit to the retention of the Albert Hall in ACT Government ownership;

Response: Absolutely. Keep the heartless Big End of Town Developers away.

3. recognise the statutory designation of the Albert Hall site as public land as specified in the Territory Plan;

Response: Certainly. It's what was intended and meant to be

4. commit to the immediate development of a Plan of Management, as required under the Planning and Development Act 2007;

Response: Absolutely. Why has it been left so long?

5. agree that the Plan of Management will reflect the principles under item 1;

Response: Of course.

6. agree that the Plan of Management be developed prior to any long term management arrangement for the Hall being entered into;

Response: Naturally. Why put the cart before the horse?

7. commit to the retention of the Hall under public management;

Response: Positively. No other course is ethical.

8. agree to implement a recurrent budget for Hall operations with a capital works program to restore the Hall;

Response: Certainly; it's about time I've noticed a lot of neglect over the years

9. actively support the ACT Government's nomination of the Hall to the Commonwealth Government's National Heritage List.

Response: Absolutely. We can't afford to lose or in any way damage it for future generations. Ensuring that use of the Hall remains affordable and insurance requirements are consistent with general requirements in place for the hire of other ACT community halls and in municipalities elsewhere? <sup>from</sup>

Response: Again naturally. It should be a level playing field for all,

Thank you for responding. We will notify our members and associates of your response before the October elections.

including the Times Hall in Numeralia which has also been discriminated against in the past over community events, such as the Numeralia Folk Festival.