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**To:** GENTLEMAN <[GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au](mailto:GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Destruction of heritage property on 8 Palmer St, Hall

Dear Mr Gentleman,

I write in response to your letter to me of 7/11/18 (your ref: 18/24695) in relation to the destruction of the stone outbuilding at 8 Palmer St.

I can assure you that many people here in Hall are extremely upset about the destruction and the lack of action in response to it. You will be hearing more about this matter.

Your reply to me stated that *“Access Canberra conducted an independent review of the circumstances that led to the removal of the stone outbuilding. I am advised that Access Canberra, based on the information received, determined there was no suggestion that removal was the result of reckless or negligent conduct and may have been an unfortunate misunderstanding; and there is currently not enough information to suggest that any party blatantly disregarded the law”*.

We find this finding quite incredible. How could it be possible for someone to purchase a property with a heritage structure in a heritage listed village and then be credibly able to claim that they had no understanding of their legal obligations with respect to that heritage? Something is very wrong here.

In an effort to better understand the facts of the matter, I hereby request, under the Freedom of Information Act 1989, the following information:

- The written instructions given by the government to the agent who handled the sale of 8 Palmer St.
- The complete report of the independent review undertaken by Access Canberra in relation to the unauthorised destruction of the outbuilding.
- The contract that was provided to prospective buyers of 8 Palmer St.

I also ask that you consider taking immediate action to halt further development of the property pending a more complete investigation of this situation.

Sincerely

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