

Chigwell Community Garden Closure

Ms HADDAD question to MINISTER for COMMUNITY and MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Residents of Chigwell are devastated at the closure of the Chigwell Community Garden, a treasured and important part of our community. The garden provides so many benefits. It's a safe, welcoming place for community connection, has an outdoor playground for young people and families and provides gardening skills education to everybody. Importantly, it's also a vital resource that grows fresh, healthy food distributed to people in need by Buchaan Community House. It's the only one of its type that also provides disability access with accessible big, raised garden beds. Last night, minister, you said that the House has not historically been funded to run the garden but that you want a solution. What have you done to lobby the Treasurer for funding in today's Budget to keep this vital community asset going?