

1 EVENT ORGANISERS—SUPPORT

Mr Werner-Gibbings, pursuant to notice, moved—That this Assembly:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) community and private events, weddings, festivals, markets, and activations play a vital role in fostering social connection, cultural expression, and economic activity across the ACT;
 - (b) event organisers face significant challenges navigating complex processes, identifying suitable sites, and understanding available services such as access to electricity and water;
 - (c) these challenges can lead to uncertainty, increased costs, delays and cancellations, particularly for small community groups and volunteer-led organisations; and
 - (d) the ACT Government’s Tourism Strategy aims to grow the visitor economy to \$5 billion by 2030, with events playing a central role in achieving this target;
- (2) acknowledges that comprehensive, publicly accessible guidance that identifies suitable sites for events, outlines available services, and explains approval requirements would reduce administrative burden and planning uncertainty, support equitable access to public spaces, and encourage more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community events; and
- (3) calls on the ACT Government to:
 - (a) cooperate with event organisers, community groups and volunteer-led organisations to develop guidance that:
 - (i) clearly identifies sites which are suitable for community and private events, weddings, hawkers, busking, rallies and activations; and
 - (ii) provides information on any complexities with using sites, how to access them, their available services, and the approvals required; and
 - (b) report back to the Assembly on the progress of this guidance by the end of 2026.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.