

Mr. Tom Uren,
Deputy Leader,
Federal Opposition,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

1 November 1976.

Dear Mr. Uren,

The Board of the Urambi Co-Operative Community Advancement Society would like to invite you to address the formal opening of its cluster housing complex at 4.30 p.m. November 18. The opening ceremony will be held on the site of the 72 unit development at Crozier Circuit, Kambah.

As Minister for Urban and Regional Development at the time the Society was formed in December, 1974, you were responsible for the administration of policies which encouraged the development of a range of urban development and housing styles and it was in this climate that organizations like our own were created. Mr. A.A. Staley, Minister for the Capital Territory, has also been invited to take part in the opening ceremony as the Minister responsible for the Department which has been closely involved with the progress of the Urambi complex.

We should be grateful if you could give a brief opening address of some five to ten minutes, and Mr. Staley has been asked to do the same. Following your speeches, a member of the Urambi Board will present house keys to the first occupant.

An information sheet is being prepared, and will be sent to you prior to the opening, but you may be interested in some background information before this arrives.

The Urambi Village has been developed by a non profit-making co-operative society. As well as self-contained town house style units, it comprises a community centre and areas of communal open space. We were among the pioneers of this form of housing development in the Australian Capital Territory.

Our Society's aim has been to create a housing complex which avoids the isolation often inherent in average suburban developments. We have tried to provide maximum opportunities for community involvement to take place between the occupants, while still ensuring privacy for the individual units, which all have private outdoor space. Cars have been excluded from the site as far as possible, and Michael Dysart, the Sydney architect who planned the complex, has designed the buildings to blend into the natural landscape.

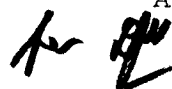
The houses, which are being built by Stocks and Holdings (Canberra) Pty. Ltd. are following a rolling program of completion and it is expected that the whole project will be finished by the middle of 1977.

We consider that the development of Urambi Village, and of other co-operatives, including another designed by Mr. Dysart at Cook/Aranda in Canberra have meant a big step forward in the provision of alternatives in housing styles within the Australian Capital Territory. We hope that other groups can learn from our experience and will experiment with creating other living environments.

The Urambi Board hopes that you will be able to accept our invitation, and would appreciate it if you could let us know as soon as possible if you are able to participate in our opening ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. C.

 A. G. Christie
(Chairman)

1 November 1976.

Mr. A.A. Staley,
Minister for Capital Territory,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

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As Minister for the Capital Territory, you are responsible for the Department which has been most closely involved with the progress of the Urambi complex. Mr. Tom Uren, M.P. who was Minister for Urban and Regional Development at the time the Society was formed in December 1974, has also been invited to take part in the opening ceremony. We should be grateful if you could give a brief opening address of some five to ten minutes, and Mr. Uren has been asked to do the same. Following your speeches, a member of the Urambi Board will hand house keys over to the first occupant.

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Yours sincerely,

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per [signature] A.G. Christie
(Chairman)

Opening ceremony

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Deputy Leader of the Opposition

5 November 1976

→ Mr. A. G. Christie,
Chairman,
Urambi Co-operative,
Community Advancement Scty.Ltd.,
P.O. Box 666,
Civic Square,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Christie,

Thank you for your letter of 1st November,
inviting me to address the formal opening
of the Urambi Co-operative Community
Advancement Society's cluster housing
complex at 4.30 p.m. on 18 November.

I will be pleased to attend and co-operate
in the manner suggested.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Uren
(Tom Uren)

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Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600

Opening ceremony



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Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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Dear Mr. Christie,

I write to thank you for your letter of 1st November 1976 and to confirm that Mr. Staley would be delighted to accept your invitation to give an address at the formal opening of your Society's housing complex at Kambah on 18th November at 4.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noni Tudor".

Noni E. Tudor
Assistant Private Secretary

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