



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Monday 6 November 2017**



Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

In relation to: City to the Lake – future holistic plans

1. Does the Government have plans to develop a holistic approach to the City to the Lake project in the future?
2. Does the City to the Lake project still include a;
 - a. Pool
 - b. Convention Centre (Australia Forum)
 - i. Why was this taken out of the budget in 2017/18? (the SRA website states that this is 'a core' piece of infrastructure within the City Plan and City to the Lake projects).
 - c. Sports Stadium.

ANDREW BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The City Renewal Authority (the Authority) is responsible for delivering cohesive and co-ordinated urban renewal across the defined precinct, which includes the City Hill and West Basin precincts. The Authority does indeed have a holistic approach to the implementation of the area, which is being progressed on a number of fronts:
 - a. Development of the West Basin foreshore public realm;
 - b. Collaborating with Transport Canberra and City Services on early conceptual work surrounding the resolution of Parkes Way connectivity issues between the City and the lake.
 - c. Due diligence for the first land release site in the City Hill precinct.
2. The Authority is responsible for identifying and recommending prioritisation and sequencing of major public infrastructure projects that are reflective of and consistent with, the Government's stated policy and commitments.
 - a. The government is commissioning a feasibility study into aquatic facilities.
 - b. A site has been identified for a future new Convention Centre. The Authority notes that the Government has previously stated that Australia Forum will not be delivered without a significant contribution from the Federal Government.



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- c. A site for a sports stadium remains provisioned at section 37.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA