



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into the Territory Plan and other associated documents **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 7 December 2023

In relation to: New planning website

The new planning website www.planning.act.gov.au has been released. The website contains information about the new planning system. For Development Applications that were submitted before 27 November 2023 the provisions in the previous Territory Plan will apply. Details about the previous Territory Plan are not available on the new website. The website for the previous Territory Plan also contained useful background documents and other publications on planning, environment and development matters.

1. How will people be able to access the provisions of the previous Territory Plan?
2. Will you make available on the new planning website documents that were available on the previous website on planning, environment and development matters, such as earlier variations to the Territory Plan - dating back to when the Territory Plan first commenced?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The new planning website has now been updated to include a reference to the former Territory Plan, which is still available on the ACT Legislation Register.

The relevant page on the new website is: www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/our-planning-system/the-territory-plan

The former plan can also be viewed on the ACT Legislation Register at www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2008-27/82681?tab=tab-versions

All variations to the former Territory Plan can be viewed under the 'law history' tab of the document.

2. The new website includes a specific section that would most commonly be used by 'professionals' including relevant and useful links and resources. The page includes relevant resources for the new system to help professionals (or others if interested) in the transition to the new system. This information can be found at www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/resources.

Proponents, or community members, wishing to receive a copy of former Territory Plan Variations can do so via the 'law history' tab on the ACT Legislation Register (as per the response to Question 1).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

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By the Minister for Planning, Mr Chris Steel MLA