

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DRAFT VARIATIONS TO THE TERRITORY PLAN

- **SECTION 34 BLOCKS 1–5 AND 7–11 FORREST**
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- **AMENDMENTS TO DESIGN AND SITING POLICIES FOR TOWNHOUSE, COTTAGE AND COURTYARD BLOCKS**

**REPORT NO.3 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

June 1992

Terms of Reference –

On 27 March 1992 the Legislative Assembly passed a motion to...

"establish a Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure to examine matters related to planning, land management, transport, economic development, commercial development, industrial and residential development, infrastructure and capital works, science and technology"....and

"if the Assembly is not sitting when the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure has completed consideration of a report on draft Plan variations referred pursuant to section 25 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 or draft Plans of Management referred pursuant to section 204 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker, or in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing and circulation."

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr David Lamont (Presiding Member)

Mr Trevor Kaine (Deputy Presiding Member)

Mr Tony De Domenico

Ms Annette Ellis

Ms Helen Szuty

Secretary : Mr Greg McIntosh

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Sections 25 and 26 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 require the Executive to refer draft Variations to the Territory Plan to an appropriate Committee of the Assembly for report, and for the Executive to then have regard to the Committee's recommendations before approving any Variation.

On 4 June 1992 the Minister for Environment, Land and Planning referred the draft Variation and background papers for Section 34 Blocks 1–5 and 7–11 Forrest to the Committee for inquiry and report. On 5 June 1992 the Minister for Environment, Land and Planning referred the draft Variation and background papers for Section 35 Blocks 2–10 and 12 Forrest to the Committee for inquiry and report and on 10 June 1992 the draft Variation and background papers for Section 33 Blocks 3 and 4 was similarly referred to the Committee. On 11 June 1992 the draft Variation and background papers on Amendments to Design and Siting Policies for Townhouse, Cottage and Courtyard Blocks was referred to the Committee for inquiry and report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee has examined all four draft Variations and makes the following recommendations :

1. Section 34 Blocks 1–5 and 7–11 Forrest

The Committee endorses the Variation as proposed.

2. Section 35 Blocks 2–10 and 12 Forrest

The Committee endorses the Variation as proposed.

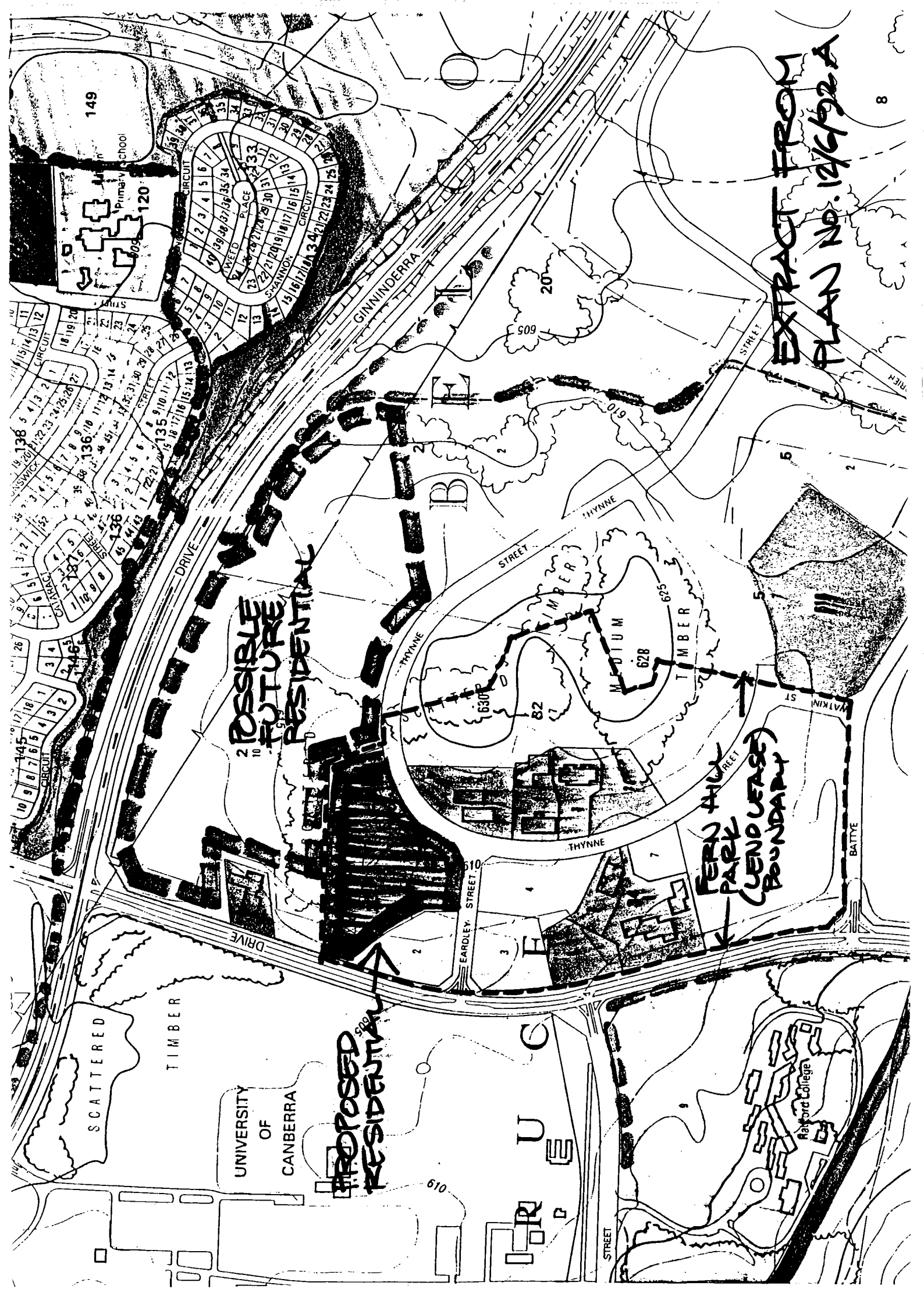
3. Amendments to Design and Siting Policies for Townhouse, Cottage and Courtyard Blocks

The Committee endorses the Variation as proposed but notes the absence of public consultation.

4. Section 33 Blocks 3 and 4 Bruce

The Committee recommends that consideration of the Variation as proposed be deferred pending the development of a broader proposal for residential and other development in the Fern Hill Park area as identified on the attached map (extract from ACT Planning Authority Plan No. 12/6/92A).

David Lamont
Presiding Member
12 June 1992



EXTRACT FROM
PLAN No. 12/6/92A

POSSIBLE
FUTURE
RESIDENTIAL

PROPOSED
RESIDENTIAL

FERN HILL
PARK
(LEND LEASE)
BOUNDARY

DISSENTING REPORT - HELEN SZUTY MLA

I hereby register my dissent from the PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE's decision on the DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN: DESIGN AND SITING POLICIES FOR TOWN HOUSE, COTTAGE AND COURTYARD BLOCKS.

The reasons for my dissent are as follows;

Notwithstanding that the variations sought have been common practice in the ACT for as long as seven years, I believe that the wider community should be given the opportunity to comment on the formal adoption of these changes. While I do not agree that consultation is necessary in the case of each construction, public discussion of the proposed policy change is recommended.

The formalisation of current practice has taken seven years to come to the attention of the PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE of the ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and I do not believe that the waiving of a proper public consultation process in the context of this time frame is warranted.

The proposed changes in relation to fence and garage standards, although comparatively minor, are important to bring to the attention of the wider community for comment before final judgment is passed.

Helen Szuty MLA
12 June 1992