

Government response to Standing Committee on
Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal
Services Inquiry into draft Plan of Management for
the Albert Hall

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Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present to the Assembly the Government's response to the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services' *Inquiry into draft Plan of Management for the Albert Hall*.

The Albert Hall opened in 1928 and has served as Canberra's "town hall" since that time. It is Heritage listed reflecting its role as the "cultural heart of the early Federal Capital". The Plan of Management has been prepared with considerable community consultation with the Committee inquiry being part of the consultation process.

The inquiry considered the requirement for the plan of management and the content of the draft plan of management itself. The draft plan of management:

- details the strategic plan and framework for management of the Albert Hall over the next 10 years;
- commits to the development of action plans to address operational matters, and
- establishes a management Reference Group to provide input into the management of the Hall.

The report on the inquiry identified eight recommendations for consideration.

The Government response to the report is that it:

- agrees to six of the recommended improvements, and
- notes the other two recommendations.

A key change made in the final version of the draft plan is that the ACT Government has committed that a permanent cafe will not be established on the site during the 10 year term of the Plan of Management.

I will consider the final draft plan consistent with the provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2007*.

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