



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to: Provide a copy of the community needs assessment that was used to conduct the assessment of the land zoned for cultural use in the Kambah ILRP.

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Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development took on notice the following question(s):

MISS NUTTALL: A supplementary, if that is all right?

THE CHAIR: Yes, go, Miss Nuttall.

MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. For those six blocks of land, what studies and analysis were undertaken to determine the identified uses?

Mr Smith: Yes. So studies undertaken – a range of studies were undertaken. For example, there is community needs assessment which is undertaken to determine what sort of uses. Eligible land can be used for – as part of a release, they were released for identified purposes, but there was a range of purposes for each site. So that may have been a community activity centre, a place of worship, et cetera. So there is that identification done through that broader community needs assessment.

There are then what we call site investigation reports for each block undertaken as well, to determine whether the appropriate servicing, gas, water, electricity, et cetera, is undertaken as well. There may also be some tree studies if we know there is significant or registered trees under the Urban Forrest Act on those sites as well. And that way, we can fully inform any of the tenderers when they run through those processes.

Broader planning on that for the actual facility is then the responsibility of the proponent should they be successful through that tender process.

Mr Steel: I think the list of interested organisations that EPSDD has, demonstrates the sorts of interests that they have in the use of possible sites. And so there is a range from religious organisations through to sporting groups and a range of other community services, organisations. So it is quite diverse and that helps to inform the potential needs for the release of land as well.

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MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. May I be cheeky and ask one last question? It might be one for on notice. Could you provide a copy of the community needs assessment undertaken for the site in Kambah?

Mr Smith: We can provide a copy of the broader community needs assessment that would have been utilised for that purpose, yes.

MISS NUTTALL: Okay. Thank you.

Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Block 24 Section 286 Kambah was originally created for the purpose of community use and the government is now looking to enable that use to occur. Due to the small size of the block, there are limitations to what future development may look like.

As alluded to in Mr Smith's response, there is not a specific community needs assessment for the site in Kambah. To assist in determining the most appropriate community facility for the site, a range of inputs from various strategic planning studies and documents were used to inform the community needs. Links to copies of these documents are provided below, and include the following:

Gungahlin Community and Recreational Facility Assessment:

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/gungahlin-community-facilities>

Feedback from consultation on the Molonglo Valley Community Needs Assessment:

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/molonglo-valley-community-needs-assessment>

Engagement outcomes and directions set out in the District Strategies:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/our-planning-system/district-strategies>

Indicative Land Release Program:

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/professionals/land-release-sales/land-release>

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By Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development