



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: EPSDD

Hearing: 18 February 2025

In relation to: Southern Gateway Planning Framework

Question received: 20 February 2025

Answer Due: 28 February 2025

- (1) What is the current status of the Southern Gateway Planning Framework?
- (2) When will some information be released to the public?
- (3) Will the framework provide a people-centred holistic planning framework for the Woden Town Centre, including the Phillip Trades Precinct and transport links further south and west?
- (4) What are the proposed housing, commercial, community facilities, public, private and active transport and public spaces?
- (5) Will the framework consider the completion of the Mint Interchange, to provide a second arterial route for traffic travelling northwest/southeast, such as from Canberra Hospital to Belconnen?
- (6) Will the framework include a pedestrian bridge over Yarra Glen to connect the North Curtin residential estate to West Deakin, and to provide access to high frequency public transport on Yarra Glen?
- (7) Will the framework consider the blue-green network including naturalising Yarralumla Creek?

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

- (1) The ACT Government has commenced planning work on the Southern Gateway corridor to develop a Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework.
- (2) Details about the Southern Gateway project are available at:
<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/projects-priorities/southern-gateway-planning-framework>

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The initial stage of community engagement for the project is anticipated to commence later in 2025.

- (3) The Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework planning work includes the Woden town centre and the Phillip Trades area, as well as transport links more broadly further south and west. The Framework is intended to guide future development and urban renewal in the Southern Gateway Corridor.
- (4) Early-stage analysis to inform planning of the Southern Gateway Corridor is underway. These matters will be considered as part of the integrated approach to the planning work.
- (5) The Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework will consider options for accommodating arterial traffic travelling northwest/southeast.
- (6) Pedestrian connections, including appropriate connections across Yarra Glen from the North Curtin residential estate to West Deakin, will be considered as part of the Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework.
- (7) The Southern Gateway Framework will consider the blue-green network, and potential to naturalise parts of Yarralumla Creek may be considered.

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

Signature:



Date:

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA