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QON No. 09

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: City Renewal Authority

Hearing Date: 23 July 2024, 2.15pm to 5pm

In relation to: EPSDD - City Renewal Authority and City Hill

QON lodgement Date: 25 July 2024

Answer Due date: 1 August 2024

(1) The Listening Report on the City Hill Park Ideas Exhibition was published in May 2024, the next steps for the City Hill place renewal note that this feedback will be incorporated into a future design brief and not much else.

Have you started work on the future design brief.

- a) What does the future design brief actually entail
- b) When will the future design brief be made publicly available.
- c) How will the ideas exhibition entries be incorporated into the future design brief.

(2) The Listening Report notes that 'improved crossing points' are the number one feature that people would most like included in the City Hill park. Should Canberrans expect a similar 'shared pedestrian-vehicle' zone on Vernon Circle akin to Bunda Street to accommodate this.

- a) How will traffic flow be impacted by making Vernon Circle more pedestrian-friendly to ensure ease of access to a new City Hill park.
- b) 'A viewpoint' was the third most desired feature of a new City Hill park, how will any viewpoints be impacted by the planned developments of blocks surrounding City Hill.
- c) Will play equipment for children be installed in the City Hill park.
 - (i) If so, with what proximity to the road.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Work has not yet commenced on a design brief.
 - a) A design brief typically identifies the client's scope, objectives and desired outcomes for the project to a consultant.
 - b) When completed and ready to be released.
 - c) It is expected that the key themes and outcomes would be reflected as project considerations or objectives within the design brief.
- (2) A future design consultant would identify the most practicable and feasible way to 'improve crossing points' to City Hill park, following future site analysis.
 - a) No changes are currently proposed. A future design consultant will be required to undertake traffic analysis to any proposed changes to Vernon Circle.
 - b) A future design consultant would be required to consider all future development outcomes when considering options for 'a viewpoint'.
 - c) A future design consultant would consider all suggestions from the community and their viability on City Hill. This would include proximity to existing infrastructure.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: **30.7.24**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA