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PUBLIC HEARING - RZ3 AND RZ4 RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN INNER NORTH CANBERRA

MR COE: On section 47 in Turner, what communication has the government or ACTPLA in particular had with those residents?

MR COE: What about outward direct communication with them? In the past has it been door knocked, has it been letterboxed?

MR COE: If you could take on notice what communication there has been, since 2003 in particular but perhaps in the years before that as well, that would be interesting.

MR BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Considerable community consultation was undertaken in 2002-3 during the preparation of the Turner Neighbourhood Plan. The Government's decision to apply the current moratoriums on redevelopment in Sections 47 and blocks 12-21 Section 63 was specifically informed by the *Turner Neighbourhood Plan*.

Consultation undertaken to inform the Turner Neighbourhood Plan were extensive and included, in chronological order:

- an 'Open Forum' workshop
- face-to-face interviews with Turner residents
- a two-hour 'Focus Group' with a variety of Turner community groups
- general month-long consultation activities held at the Turner Primary School
- separate householder, business owner and employee surveys
- a final concluding workshop held at Turner Bowling club

Prior to the election of the current government in 2001 and its subsequent neighbourhood planning regime there was neither a master plan for Section 47 Turner or planning provision imposing a moratorium on redevelopment. I am aware that some master plans were developed in 1999 for various sections in Turner including Section 63. The then Department of Urban Services undertook consultation in the community.

ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

From 2003 the Turner redevelopment moratoria have remained in place. ACTPLA has fielded miscellaneous inquiries from time to time regarding the status of planning policies applying to Sections 47 and 63. The nature of external inquiries has been that of residents and general public seeking clarification with regards to the moratoria.

With regard to the current Inquiry, it is one under the auspices of the ACT Legislative Assembly for which ACTPLA and the Government have participated as submitters, not stewards. The Government will consider all the recommendations of the Inquiry with resulting actions being the point where questions of consultation arise for the Government and its agencies.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation in Hansard.



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