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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE



NICOLE LAWDER MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

In relation to: Tharwa Draft Village Plan

1. With regard to consultation, how many submissions did the Directorate receive?
2. How many submissions were in favour of the plan?
3. How many submissions were not in favour of the plan?
4. What consideration was given to the petition requesting the government not release any house blocks in the village?
5. Does the plan include upgrading or assistance with the service of amenities for the Tharwa Community?
6. How does the government intend to release the blocks marked for residential purposes?
7. What is the plan for the school precinct?
8. Will the final plan include the grazing of animals as part of the fire management plan for the village?

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Directorate received a total of 33 submissions in response to community engagement on the Tharwa Draft Village Plan. Of these, 20 were provided as feedback forms (18 online and 2 hardcopy), and 13 were provided as written email submissions.
2. Submissions received made comments and suggestions in response to a range of issues covered in the Tharwa Draft Village Plan. Comments were provided on various elements contained in the draft village plan, without views being expressed explicitly in favour or not in favour of the overall document. A community engagement report will be released with the final Tharwa Village Plan providing a summary of submissions received during consultation. Where permitted, email submissions will also be made available from the Directorate website.
3. As for question 2 above.
4. All submissions received through community engagement on the draft village plan will be considered in preparation of the final the Tharwa Village Plan.
5. Yes
6. Blocks marked for residential purposes would be made available through standard ACT Government land release processes for residential land, either through auction, tender or ballot. Decision on release of the blocks identified for residential use will be taken following publication of the final Tharwa Village Plan.

7. The draft village plan recommends building on the existing identity of the Tharwa Primary School as a rural school and investigating the potential for its use to be expanded as an environmental or local heritage education centre. The ACT Heritage Council has recently made a provisional registration of the Tharwa Primary School prior to deciding on whether or not to permanently include it on the ACT Heritage Register.
8. The final Tharwa Village Plan is a separate document to fire management for Tharwa village. Fire management is administered by the ACT Emergency Services Agency in accordance with the ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal

Signature:



Date: 8/12/17

By the Minister for Planning and Land management, Mick Gentleman