



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Planning Bill 2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 7 December 2022

In relation to: Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee

The Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee raised a number of issues in their evidence to the Committee on Tuesday, 9 December 2022.

- (1) Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee asked for the creation of a remunerated panel that would provide inputs to the Planning Bill. Can you please detail the engagements and consultation had with the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Council Committee, and how their inputs have been incorporated in the bill? Will a remunerated panel be created?
- (2) What consultation was had with the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee after changes were made to the Planning Bill, as now presented to the Legislative Assembly?
- (3) The Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee asked about a reflection on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. What considerations were made to the Declaration in the redrafting of the Planning Bill?
- (4) The Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee made suggestions about immersion training for APS staff working in planning decisions. Is this training under consideration?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) consulted the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee on 11 November 2021 to inform and assist the drafting of the Bill.

The consultation contributed to the inclusion of the knowledge, culture and tradition of the traditional custodians of the land, being a matter that must be considered in achieving in the object of the Bill (section 7 (3)(c)).

There are no current plans to create a remunerated panel for any stakeholders involved in consultation on the Planning System Review and Reform Project.

- 2) EPSDD consulted with the Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee on 20 September 2022 to provide advice that the term 'Ngunnawal' was removed from section 7 (3) of the Bill and outlined at that meeting the reasons for doing so.
- 3) The inclusion of Section 7(3)(c) in the Bill is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- 4) Training for officers in administering the Bill is currently being developed. The Dhawura Ngunnawal Caring for Country Committee's suggestion about immersion training will be considered as part of this process.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA