



Statement pursuant to Standing Order 246A

Madam/Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 246A, I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning relating to its Inquiry into draft major plan amendment B, for Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12 of Section 19 in Forrest.

This major plan amendment was referred to the Committee by the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development under section 70 of the *Planning Act 2023*. While it is the fourth major plan amendment referred to the Committee since the start of the 11th Assembly, it is the first into which the Committee has decided to hold an inquiry.

This is because, in part, the proposed amendment seeks to change the current zoning from a mix of Residential RZ1 suburban and CZ6 Leisure and Accommodation to Commercial CZ5 Mixed Use. While the proposal opens up the possibility of future densification and commercial uses not currently available, unlike the previous major plan amendments examined by the Committee, the specific future uses of the site remain uncertain.

This inquiry opens the opportunity to the local community and others to provide their feedback on what the future of the site should look like. The Committee seeks submissions from all interested parties – local residents, community groups, the business community, and anyone else with a view on what this centrally located site can offer. Submissions to the inquiry close on 19 September 2025.