



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Redirected to:

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Hearing: 20 November 2025

In relation to: City Renewal Authority and Accessibility modifications

Question received: 21 November 2025

Answer Due: 5 December 2025

- (1) Does CRA's Placemaking Grants support accessibility modifications?
- (2) What is the timeline for the 2026-27 round?
- (3) What other measures, beyond the grants, does CRA provide to support businesses, building and organisations within the CRA boundary to make modifications that make them more accessible to the public?

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

- (1) Yes. Accessibility, inclusive events, safety (particularly at night), and diversity and inclusion are embedded in the Placemaking Grants guidelines and application criteria. These principles guide assessment and delivery.
- (2) The next round will open in January/February 2026. City Renewal is already flagging this upcoming opportunity to community and business stakeholders to encourage collaboration ahead of applications opening. Further details are available at <https://www.act.gov.au/cityrenewal/get-involved/grantsandsponsorship/placemaking-grants>
- (3) **Events and communications:**
 - Accessibility information included in all event listings.
 - Development of accessible project information, including audio descriptions, video tours and tactile maps where possible.

Public realm projects:

- Compliance with AS1428 Accessibility Standards in all CRA projects.
- Universal inclusion and accessibility elements mandated in land sales and advocated in proposed developments within the CRA precinct.
- Engagement with the disability community, including developing the Canberra Central Design Manual and Garema Place Outdoor Dining Toolkit. City Renewal also engaged with the Canberra Blind Society on the Garema Place and City Walk upgrades, including a walkshop, meetings and development of tactile models.

Other actions:

- Consideration of neurodivergence in public realm design.
- Inclusion of varied mobility needs and wheelchair access in future public furniture purchases.

Several of the items listed above are commitments of the City Renewal Authority under the ACT Disability Strategy.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:



Date: 10.12.25

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA