



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND URBAN SERVICES

REPORT NO. 69 APRIL 2001

DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO. 152
COMMUNITY FACILITY LAND USE POLICIES – FORREST SECTION 24 BLOCKS 1 AND 3
(PART OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRECINCT – MANUKA)

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommends that draft Variation No. 152 be endorsed.

INTRODUCTION

1. On 24/10/00 the Minister for Urban Services referred Draft Variation No.152 to the committee for its consideration, in line with s25 and s26 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.
2. The Draft Variation [DV] proposes to change the land use policies on the Territory Plan Map and in the written statement for Blocks 1 and 3 Section 24 Forrest. Currently Block 1 is 'community facility' and Block 3 is 'commercial C'—it is proposed to include both Blocks within the 'community facility' policy and add an Area Specific Policy Overlay to the Map. The latter will permit additional non-retail commercial and limited retail uses where they are associated with community use.

CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

3. The committee obtained a copy of, and took into account, two submissions to PALM in July/August 2000. The committee itself received two submission in response to its invitation (by way of advertisement in the local media) for public input into the inquiry—these submissions were from the Catholic Education Office and Macphillamy Donald, solicitors for Liangis Investments Pty Limited.

4. On 11 April 2001 the committee conducted a public hearing attended by PALM officers and representatives of the Catholic Education Office and Liangis Investments P/L. The committee accepted that both organisations had an interest in the matter before the committee and therefore should be heard.

RATIONALE

5. The committee considers that the proposed land use policy is an appropriate response to the particular circumstances of the Manuka site. These circumstances include the heritage significance of the buildings and the on-going association of the Catholic Church with the use of the site. The Area Specific Policy Overlay will permit commercial activities that are in keeping with the site's historical significance and yet it retains the underlying community facility policy to ensure that the site continues to be associated with community use.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

6. Following tabling of the committee's report in the parliament, the government—having regard to this report—may approve the variation with or without amendment. It will table its approval and the variation in the form that it has been approved. Members of the Assembly have five sitting days to reject all, or part, of the approved variation.

Mr Hird MLA (Chair) - 27 April 2001

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND URBAN SERVICES

The Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services was established on 28/4/98 to inquire into and report on planning and lease management, road and transport services, infrastructure and asset management and public utilities purchasing, electricity industry and regulation, construction industry policy, parks and forests, private sector employment inspectorate, building services, environment, heritage and municipal services and any other related matter (*resolution of appointment, as amended on 25/11/99, 7/2/00 and 15/2/01*).

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