



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND URBAN SERVICES

REPORT NO. 64

FEBRUARY 2001

**DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN NO. 162
MINI-HYDRO POWER PLANTS AT COTTER AND CORIN DAMS**

RECOMMENDATION

1. *The committee recommends that draft Variation No. 162 Mini-Hydro Power Plants at Cotter and Corin Dams be endorsed.*

INTRODUCTION

1. On 6/11/00 the Minister for Urban Services referred draft Variation No.118 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 amend the schedules as Part C2 of the Water Use and Catchment Policies to allow for the construction of mini-hydro power stations at the Cotter Dam and the Corin Dam.

CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

3. The committee obtained a copy of, and took into account, one submission to PALM in August/September 2000.

4. On 2 February 2001 the committee held a public hearing on this matter.

5. The committee noted that this proposal is consistent with ACT Electricity and Water's Green Power scheme, which encourages the use of sustainable energy sources by consumers in the ACT.

6. The committee noted that the Co-operative Research Centre for Fresh Water Ecology [CRC] and the Conservator of Flora and Fauna will monitor the impact of the mini-hydro power stations.

7. On 6 February 2001 the committee deliberated in private and resolved on the

recommendation outlined at the head of this report.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8. The committee's report will be tabled in the next parliamentary sittings. Then the government—having regard to this committee's report—will table its decision. Assembly members will have five sitting days to reject all, or part, of whatever decision is made by the government.

Mr Hird MLA

Chair

6 February 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, government purchasing 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 and 7/2/00*).

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LIST OF REPORTS BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND URBAN SERVICES IN THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY

[DV=Draft Variation to the Territory Plan; tabling date is shown in brackets]

1. DV No.97 *Northbourne Avenue* [26/5/98]
2. DV No.91 *Signs Policies Amendments to the Territory Plan Written Statement* [released 2/7/98, tabled 26/8/98]
3. DV No.93 *Narrabundah section 34 block 16 part block 27 - B5 restricted access recreation land use policies (golf facility)* [released 2/7/98, tabled 26/8/98]
4. *Government's 1998-99 Draft Capital Works Program* [released 3/7/98, tabled 26/8/98, govt response 29/10/98]
5. *1998 Conference of Parliamentary Public Works and Environment Committees* [27/8/98]
6. DV No.66 and DV No.79 *Heritage Places Register (Fourth and Fifth Variation)* [released 4/9/98, tabled 22/9/98]
7. *Final Draft Management Plan for Canberra Nature Park* [22/9/98, govt response 2/7/99]
8. DV No.67 *Federal Highway Duplication* [released 23/10/98, tabled 29/10/98]
9. *Draft Plans of Management for Urban Parks & Sportsgrounds in Woden, Weston Creek and Belconnen, and for Lake Ginninderra* [released 16/10/98, tabled 29/10/98]
10. *Environment Protection (Amendment) Bill 1998 - Exposure Draft* [27/20/98, govt response 1/7/99]
11. *ACTION bus services for school children* [29/10/98, govt response 8/12/98]
12. *Water Resources Bill 1998 and amendments* [incorporating a dissent] (29/10/98, govt response 17/11/98)
13. DV No.63 *Policies for Home Businesses and Home Occupations* [released 5/11/98, tabled 17/11/98]
14. DV No.105 *Symonston section 103 block 6 Mugga Mugga* (released 5/11/98, tabled 17/11/98)
15. *Interim Report on DV No 89 Murrumbidgee and Lower Molonglo Rivers - River Corridors Land Use Policy - Public Land Categories; and Other Minor Changes* [8/12/98]
16. *Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve - Final Draft Management Plan 1998* [9/12/98, govt response 23/3/99]
17. *The Existing Petrol Sites Policy* [18/2/99, govt response tabled 2/7/99]
18. DV No.98 *Water use and catchment policies* [16/2/99]
19. DV No.124 *Charnwood section 94 block 1 (former school site)* [released 5/3/99, tabled 9/3/99]
20. DV No.115 *Enclosure of sport grounds - Holt and Stirling district playing fields* [released 5/3/99, tabled 9/3/99]
21. DV No. 123 *Griffith section 39 block 18 (part)* [released 5/3/99, tabled 9/3/99]
22. *The Draft 1999-00 Capital Works Program* [released 7/4/99, tabled 20/4/99, government response 1/7/99]
23. DV No. 109 *Residential Land Use Policies - Area specific policies B11 and B12 North Canberra - Appendix III.3 Urban Housing Code* [released 16/4/99, tabled 20/4/99]
24. *Activity in its First year of Operation* [6/5/99]
25. *Code of Practice for the Placement of Movable Signs in Public Places* [6/5/99, govt response 24/8/99]
26. DV No.111 *Canberra Centre Consolidation* [released 21/6/99, tabled 30/6/99]
27. DV No.117 *Heritage Places Register (Mt Franklin ski chalet, huts, homesteads and brumby yards)* [1/7/99]
28. *Restricted Taxi (Multicab) Plates* [released 12/8/99, tabled 24/8/99, govt response 25/11/99]
29. DV No.137 *O'Connor section 86, block 2, Macpherson Court* [26/8/99]
30. *Carparking at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)* [2/9/99, govt response 9/12/99]
31. DV No.94 *Red Hill Section 56 Block 1 (Federal Golf Club)* [incorporating a dissent] [released 11/10/99, tabled 12/10/99]
32. *Report on Attendance of the Standing Committee for Urban Services at the National Conference of Parliamentary Works and Environment Committees in Hobart 13-15 September 1999* [12/10/99]
33. DV No.116 *Charnwood Section 96* [released 29/9/99, tabled 12/10/99]
34. DV No.102 *Heritage Places Register* (released 22/11/99, tabled 24/11/99)
35. DV No. 96 *Northbourne Avenue Precinct* [released 12/11/99, tabled 24/11/99]
36. *Warrants for Traffic Calming Measures* [24/11/99, govt response 9/3/00]
37. *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No. 4) 1998 and circulated amendments* [25/11/99, govt response 17/2/00]
38. *1998-99 Annual Reports - Department of Urban Services* [released 16/12/99, tabled 15/2/00, govt response 11/5/00]
39. *Long Service Leave (Cleaning, Building and Property Services) Bill 1999* [7/12/99]
40. DV No.100 *Telecommunications Facilities Policies* [15/2/00]
41. *Betterment (Change of Use Charge)* [incorporating a dissent] [2/3/00, govt response 28/3/00]
42. DV No.113 *Kingston Foreshore* [7/3/00]
43. *The Draft 2000-01 Budget for the Department of Urban Services (DUS)* [28/3/00, govt response 23/5/00]
44. *An Appropriate Tree Management and Protection Policy for the ACT* [released 2/5/00, tabled 9/5/00]
45. DV No.114 *relating to a proposal to add the Red Hill Precinct to the Heritage Places Register* [incorporating a dissent] [11/5/00]
46. DV No.110 *relating to a proposal to add to the Heritage Places Register the following three places: Northbourne Avenue, Braddon; Ainslie Public and Primary Schools, Braddon; Ginninderra Village precinct, Nicholls* [released 5/5/00, tabled 9/5/00]
47. DV No.145 *Heritage Places Register* [released 5/5/00, tabled 9/5/00]
48. *Draft Plans of Management for Urban Parks and Sportsgrounds in Inner Canberra and in Tuggeranong* [released 5/5/00, tabled 9/5/00]
49. *Activity in 1999-2000* [23/5/00]
50. DV No. 144 *Molonglo River Corridor: the Defence Force Collocated Staff Colleges site including other land within this area of Weston Creek* [released 22/5/00, tabled 23/5/00]
51. *Utilities Bill 2000* [released 25/7/00]
52. DV No. 139 *Proposed additional uses in B11 North Canberra* [released 25/7/00]
53. *Conference of Parliamentary Public Works & Environment Committees Darwin*

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