



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND URBAN SERVICES
REPORT NO.48 — MAY 2000

**DRAFT PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR URBAN PARKS AND
SPORTSGROUNDS IN INNER CANBERRA AND IN
TUGGERANONG**

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, housing and housing assistance, 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*).

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1. The committee recommends that the draft plans of management for urban parks and sportsgrounds in inner Canberra and in Tuggeranong be endorsed, with an amendment to upgrade the historic status of City Hill from ‘low’ to ‘high’.**
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INTRODUCTION

1. On 11/2/00 the Minister for Urban Services referred the draft plans of management for urban parks and sportsgrounds in inner Canberra and in Tuggeranong to the committee for its consideration, in line with s203 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.
2. The draft plans of management set out the manner in which the Department of Urban Services [DUS] intends to manage the urban parks and sportsgrounds.

CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

3. The committee placed advertisements in the local media inviting public comment on the dV. One submission was received (from Turner Residents Association, Inc.). The committee was provided with a report by DUS on the consultation process underlying the preparation of the draft management plans.
4. On 14/4/00 the committee conducted a public hearing attended by a representative of Turner Residents Association, Inc (Ms Stuart) and officers of Canberra Urban Parks and Places, and ACT Sport and Recreation.

5. The transcript of the hearing—and all written material passed to the committee by the Minister—was authorised for publication by the committee; and is available on request from the Committee Office of the Assembly (ph: 6205-0127).

CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

6. The Turner Residents Association expressed concern about ‘the apparent ease with which Public Land could be acquired by persons for commercial (or other, including government) purposes’.¹ The Association referred to a recent AAT case involving ‘a Development Application for the former TAB in David Street’, O’Connor.² The Association also expressed concern about the consultation process.³
7. The committee sought clarification from officials about the extent of the consultation process. The committee appreciates this additional information. In respect to consultation, the committee found the report provided by DUS on issues raised by submitters to be particularly valuable as it shows the extent to which community concerns have been addressed by the administration.
8. The committee expressed surprise that, in the case of the draft management plan for inner Canberra, City Hill had been classified as of ‘low’ historic value. Officials undertook to review this listing, and subsequently advised the committee that City Hill had been re-classified as of ‘high’ value. The committee concurs with this judgement.
9. *With this change, the committee considers that the draft plans of management for urban parks and sportsgrounds in inner Canberra and for Tuggeranong should be endorsed.*

Mr Harold Hird MLA (Chair)
3 May 2000

¹ Submission dated 10/4/00

² *ibid*; also *Transcript* of public hearing on 14/4/00 (Ms Stuart)

³ *Transcript* of public hearing on 14/4/00 (Ms Stuart)