

For Budget Committee of Cabinet

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Budget Consultation Feedback

[Environment and Planning, Ms Dorte Ekelund]

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Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for Environment**Key themes raised in submissions**

- Improvements to the water quality of the ACT's lakes.
- Improving the energy efficiency of properties in the ACT and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Further detail on community consultation affecting Output Class 2 Environment is provided in the attachment.

Response from the Directorate

- The Basin Priority Project, funded by the Commonwealth, has enabled the Directorate to extensively research water quality and other water issues facing the ACT and is making recommendations for new infrastructure to fix existing problems and ensure future generations have access to high quality water for both household and recreational use.
- The *Climate Change Strategy* including *Action Plan 2* has been progressing action on climate change mitigation and adaptation issues. This will include improvements to energy efficiency in buildings.

Proposals that will be brought forward for consideration in the Budget

- The Directorate is putting forward a number of budget bids that will help improve water quality including the ACT Lakes and Wetland Community Care Fund. Other budget bids help with the management of willow trees and carp.
- The Directorate is also putting forward a suite of programs under 'Leading Australia – Climate Change Response' that will continue the ACT's action on climate change and provide valuable assistance to low income earners with their energy costs.

Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning

Key themes raised in submissions

- Enhancements to transport linkages in relation to public transport, cycle and walk paths.
- Completion of a number of town centre master plans and funding for actioning those master plans.
- A number of parking issues, including cost, location, number of parks.
- Changes to planning and building regulations to promote live music, arts and entertainment in the ACT.

Response from the Directorate

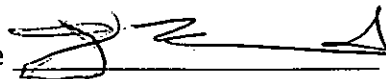
- The Government has in place a number of Transport policy frameworks under the banner *Building an Integrated Transport Network*. These policies will ensure the Government is providing and improving on the transport network in Canberra, including public transport, cycle and walking paths, light rail options and parking strategies.
- The Government is committed to Active Travel, and in the 2015-16 Budget provided a large framework of projects designed to enhance the urban environment.

Further detail on community consultation affecting Output Class 1 Planning is provided in the attachment.

Proposals that will be brought forward for consideration in the Budget

- The Directorate is putting forward a budget bid that will help implement the Statement of Planning Intent and provide a high quality framework for the design and maintenance of the City.
- Another budget bid will allow the Directorate to purchase software that will deliver high quality urban planning and urban design.

Director-General's signature



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