

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

*DRAFT VARIATION TO THE TERRITORY PLAN FOR THE MULLIGANS  
FLAT AREA*

**REPORT NO.25 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,  
DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**APRIL 1994**

## ***STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE***

On 27 March 1992 (at the commencement of the Second Assembly) the Legislative Assembly established a Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by the Assembly or matters that are considered by the committee to be of concern to the community relating to planning, land management, transport, economic development, commercial development, industrial and residential development, infrastructure and capital works, science and technology.

The Assembly also authorised the Committee to send its report to the Speaker, or in the absence of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing and circulation, if the Assembly is not sitting when the Committee completes consideration of a report on draft Plan variations referred pursuant to Section 25 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* or draft Plans of Management referred pursuant to Section 204 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.

### ***Committee Membership***

Mr Wayne Berry (Chairman)

Mr Tony De Domenico (Deputy Chairman)

Mr Greg Cornwell

Ms Annette Ellis

Ms Helen Szuty

Secretary: Mr Rod Power

## ***Background***

Sections 25 and 26 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* require the Executive to refer draft Variations to the Territory Plan to an appropriate committee of the Legislative Assembly for report, and for the Executive to then have regard to the committee's recommendations before approving any Variation. The Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure is the appropriate committee to consider such draft Variations.

On 18 April 1994 the Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning, Mr Bill Wood MLA, referred the draft Variation and background papers relating to the draft Variation for the Mulligans Flat area to the Committee. The Variation proposes to vary the existing land use policy for an area of 300 hectares to enable its incorporation in the Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve.

## ***Consideration by the Committee***

The Committee considered the draft Variation at its meeting on Friday 29 April 1994. The Committee was briefed on the draft Variation by staff of the ACT Planning Authority.

## ***Recommendation***

The Committee endorses the Variation to the Territory Plan for the Mulligans Flat area.

Also, the Committee recommends the Government take steps to ensure the old Inglewood Homestead site is reserved and linked by an open space route to the Mulligans Flat area, such actions being taken after appropriate consultation with bodies such as the National Trust.

## ***Postscript***

The *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* requires the ACT Executive to have regard to the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure before approving any draft Variation to the Territory Plan.

A Variation, together with the background papers and other documents, must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within five sitting days of approval by the Executive. A further five sitting days is then provided for any Member of the Assembly to move that the Variation be rejected in whole or in part. Any such motion must be dealt with by the Assembly within five sitting days.

If a Variation is not rejected by the Assembly, the ACT Planning Authority will publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the date of commencement of the Variation.

Wayne Berry MLA  
Chairman  
29 April 1994