



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

Ref: Planning and Land Management, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development
Directorate Annual Report 2020-2021 p91, Draft Variation 369

In relation to: Modelling on block level recommendations from Tait Report

1. Did the government do any additional modelling to understand the unintended social and economic consequences of the given recommendations in relation to accessibility, housing and affordability and cost to build as stated in the Tait Report?
 - a. If so, can the government include in their answer, a description of the results of that modelling and attach the modelling?
 - b. If not, why not?

Minister Steel: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The ACT Government did do additional modelling to gauge the implications of the changes on the built product in response to comments that were received from the public on DV369.
 - a. The Tait Report was only one resource used to develop the changes proposed in DV369 to make sure soft landscaping was provided on residential blocks in the residential zones.

In response to community feedback during public consultation on DV369, site coverage and private open space controls were adjusted for compact front loading and mid-sized blocks to increase the area of the block available for building on and reducing the area of private open space. DV369 will require a flexible approach to dwelling designs and block area, in order to provide greater area for permeable surfaces and the planting of a tree.

It is acknowledged that DV369 will mean the way housing is designed on blocks, particularly housing in new estates, will need to change. This is a deliberate decision to implement the ACT Government's policy regarding living infrastructure and to

improve the outcomes we are seeing with new developments (both in greenfield and infill areas) in our city.

The benefits of providing these elements on a block to assist in reducing the effects of urban heat are important in future-proofing the city against the negative effects that a warming climate will have on the amenity and liveability of residential areas.

b. Not applicable.

Approved for circulation to the Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:



Date:

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By the Acting Minister for Planning and Land Management, Chris Steel MLA