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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked By: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Chief Minister

Reference: City Renewal Authority

Hearing Date: 23 July 2024, 2.15pm to 5pm

In relation to: EPSDD - City Renewal Authority and Acton Waterfront

QON lodgement Date: 25 July 2024

Answer Due date: 1 August 2024

(1) The Acton Waterfront program remains one of the key priorities for the CRA for 2024-25 (BS E, p.73). Budget Statement E notes that the plan for this financial year is to 'progress estate planning and development works, including civil engineering works to enable the construction of a new waterfront park, known as *Ngamawari*.' What do these estate planning and development works actually entail.

- (a) Will they be completed this financial year.
- (b) When would any mixed-use development be ready for residents to move in by.
- (c) Will it be within this decade.

(2) The Acton Waterfront webpage on the CRA website list the due date for the completion of the *Ngamawari* waterfront park as 2028, despite the Summary of 2024-25 Infrastructure Program on page 90 of Budget Statement E listing the physical completion date for June 2029. Is this a mistake, out of date or deliberately misleading.

- (a) What other uses for this space were considered before landing on the current idea for the waterfront parkland.
  - (i) When was this final decision made.

**Andrew Barr MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Estate planning and development works for Acton Waterfront in 2024-25 include detailed design, approvals, and bulk civil works to support the construction of *Ngamawari* (Acton Waterfront park). Also underway are preliminary investigations and concept master planning for the residential and mixed-use component of the project.
  - (a) Civil engineering works to enable the construction of *Ngamawari* and estate planning and development for the residential and mixed-use component of the project is scheduled to be complete in 2025.
  - (b) The residential and mixed-use development program is subject to future decisions by the ACT Government.

(c) see response to (b).

(2) The reference to a Physical Completion Date in the 2024-25 Infrastructure Program as June 2029, considers contract requirements post completion of the park in 2028, including defects, warranty and commissioning periods.

(a) The National Capital Authority's West Basin Precinct Guidelines define the land use requirements for Acton Waterfront, including 'a generous waterfront parkland activated by a complementary mix of uses, activities and events'.

(i)The West Basin Precinct Guidelines were published in May 2014.

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Signature: 

Date: **29. 7. 24**

By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA