

Ms Jo Clay MLA
Chair, Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Dear Chair

RE: Correction to the record – Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

We wish to correct the evidence provided during the hearings on 11 November 2025.

For context, during the line of questions on the future of the Big Splash Waterpark, we outlined to the committee that the proponent is scheduled to present to the National Capital Design Review Panel (NCDRP) in the coming weeks.

In response to various questions, we indicated that the Directorate had not received any details of the proposal to date. While this was our understanding at the time of answering these questions, we were subsequently informed that in fact, on 6 November 2025, an officer within the NCDRP secretariat had received a set of powerpoint slides.

These slides are intended to support the proponent's presentation at the upcoming NCDRP session. For clarity, these slides do not constitute a development application or an application for a major plan amendment. Submission to the NCDRP is not an approval or an endorsement of a proposal.

The NCDRP secretariat is currently seeking further information from the proponent regarding the proposed uses and their alignment with existing planning provisions. The Territory Planning Authority have no plans to rezone the site, which is currently zoned PRZ2 – Restricted Access Recreation Zone.

The NCDRP, co-chaired by the ACT Government Architect and the National Capital Authority Chief Planner, provides design review of development proposals and issues independent written advice to proponents and government. CED provides the secretariat function in support of the NCDRP.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide evidence during the hearing.

Regards,



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