

Transport Canberra and City Services

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Minister for City Services

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From:

A/g Director-General, Transport Canberra and City Services

Through:

Executive Group Manager, Transport and Business Services

Date of Meeting:

Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time of Meeting:

2:30pm-3:30pm

Location of
Meeting:

Onsite – Legislative Assembly – Minister Cheyne's Office

Subject:

To meet with Michelle Robertson, RSPCA-ACT CEO

Purpose of the meeting

To discuss the next steps associated with the delivery of Project Home.

Minister's Feedback

Please – draft letter asap which is commercial-in-confidence detailing what is in para 3.
– the principles going forward on this are RSPCA + it's board having visibility, agency + certainty.
Please provide as much information as we have to them, including detailed plans + costs, so that its Board can make decisions about how they wish to proceed with the envelope we have.
Please meet with them asap with an adviser from my office confirming + providing the above.

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Purpose of the meeting:	To discuss Project Home
Attendees:	Michelle Robertson, RSPCA CEO
Directorate representative required:	Nil
Day / date:	Thursday, 23 May 2024
Time:	2:30pm-3:30pm
Venue:	Minister's Office
Background:	In 2020, ACT Labor committed to assist the RSPCA to build a new, fit for purpose facility for the RSPCA in the next term of government
Discussion:	To discuss the future of Project Home.
Media implications:	Talking Points will be provided if required.

Items to be discussed.**1.1 Topic**

Project Home – RSPCA – Next Steps

1.2 Policy position

- The RSPCA has been in discussions with ACT Government on the ageing infrastructure for over a decade. In 2019, the ACT Government provided \$300,000 to the RSPCA to develop a Business Case for new facilities for RSPCA ('Project Home').
- In the lead up to the 2020 ACT election, a commitment was made *"that a re-elected ACT Labor Government will assist the RSPCA to build a new, fit for purpose facility for the RSPCA in the next term of government"*.
- ERC recommends Cabinet agree to an ACT Government funding envelope of up to \$40 million (for the construction phase, including contingency) to deliver a new facility for the RSPCA ACT at the new site in Pialligo. This includes \$610,000 in capital funding in 2023-24 for scope management, market testing, design, and approvals; an expense provision of \$5.0 million across two years from 2023-24; and a capital provision across three years from 2024-25 for the balance of the \$40 million envelope (\$34.390 million).
- ERC also recommends that TCCS work with Treasury to confirm the scope of the proposed facility before market testing; and once that scoping work is finalised, TCCS market test the costs of construction.
- ERC further recommends the Chief Minister and the Minister for Transport and City Services approach the Commonwealth Government for potential funding contributions towards the proposed facility.
- ERC finally notes this initiative is a potential candidate for the Market Conditions Provision being established through the current budget process.

1.3 Suggested talking points

- The Government is committed to the delivery of Project Home and continue to work on progressing the process.
- TCCS are working through the next steps and have proposed a short piece of work to market test the Construction Cost Estimate to better understand project costs and identify opportunities.
- It is proposed that this work will be undertaken with an Early Contractor Involvement engagement through a local construction company.
- This engagement will enable a review of the current designs and provide an initial response.
- I would like the RSPCA to be involved as the stakeholder in this process and to facilitate this, project details can be provided by TCCS to the RSPCA explaining the proposed next steps on a market response.

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- It is important that we review the current project delivery model which currently has the Territory delivering the construction phase of the project.
 - The RSPCA may wish to consider their position on managing the construction phase of Project Home, possibly through a grant and provide advice back to Government on areas where the RSPCA can add value such as project delivery costs and risk management.
 - This outcome of this process will inform a future government budget process at either the 2024/25 mid-year review, or 2025/26 full budget process.
 - Design and planning works should continue but a decision about the progression of a Development Application would be informed by the market test and should be clearer in late 2024 (November or December).
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- This way forward will build on the work undertaken in the previous 12 months where workshops have been held to review concepts plans based on RSPCA feedback at a design concept level along with options identified for further value management consideration (intersection configuration, bus stop, contingency management, reduced spoil offsite, sharing of site servicing costs, on site sewerage management, reduction of sally port features, consolidation of core area buildings and carpark consolidation).