



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Lee MLA: To ask the Minister for Skills

Ref: CMTEDD, Economic Development

1. With reference to CIT Woden, for each of the financial years 2018-19 to 2022-23 (inclusive) please advise:

- a) How many consultation or public engagement sessions have been held or attended by Major Projects Canberra with the Woden community? Please list:
 - i) A list of all sessions that were held or attended
 - ii) Details of who attended these meetings on behalf of MPC
 - iii) The discussion topics raised at these meetings.

Please list all sessions that have been held or attended, who attended on behalf of Major Projects Canberra, and the discussion topics raised at them.

- b) Has Major Projects Canberra attended any meetings held by the Woden Valley Community Council? If so, please specify:
 - i) A list of these meetings
 - ii) The dates of these meetings
 - iii) Details of who attended these meetings on behalf of MPC
 - iv) The discussion topics raised at these meetings.

2. With reference to CIT Woden, please advise:

- a) Is the final design of CIT Woden completed, or is there still further design work that requires completion?
 - i) If the final design is not yet completed, please specify the estimated date for completion.

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

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a) A list of consultation and/or public engagement sessions with the Woden Community for the financial years 2018-19 to 2022-23 (inclusive) is provided in the table below:

Financial year	Method of consultation	Meeting date	Attendees	Topics discussed
2018-19	Nil			
2019-20	Stakeholder briefings, Online Survey, social media polling	Several	Representatives from MPC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity, safety and access through to the city centre • Site selection • Composition of facilities on site including commercial or community elements • Learning outcomes sought and interaction with local businesses and industry • Changes to current traffic routes • Changes to the future public transport network including buses and light rail.
2020-21	Community Information pop ups	July 2021	Representatives from MPC. Community	Gather feedback for the new public transport interchange, bus layovers and associated roadworks Development Application (DA).
	Briefings with businesses and other key stakeholders	July 2021	Representatives from MPC.	Overall, community feedback focused on the following topics:
	YourSay survey	Nov-Dec 2021	Online community survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection from the elements • Green space and landscaping • Accessibility and distance from Westfield • Safety and lighting • The closure of Callam Street.

	Construction and Traffic Management Stakeholder Group	March and June 2021	<p>Representatives from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPC • TCCS • Koomarri • Hellenic Club • Canberra College • Abode • Woden Community Service • WV Early Childcare Education • Civium • Scentre Group • ACT Board of Studies • Smith Family • Wilara Apartments • Avoca Apartments • Healthpoint • Cricket ACT 	<p>This group was established to support and communicate early and consistently with stakeholders, neighbours, and businesses in the nearby area, as construction on Package 1 of the project was due to get started.</p> <p>An online information portal was launched to support this group with regular and timely information.</p>
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2021-22	Community information pop-ups	November 2021 to March 2022		The public places and green spaces in the Woden Town Centre that feature in the CIT Campus precinct.
	Online survey	November 2021 to March 2022	Community	<p>The online survey focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing • Active travel • Safety • Wayfinding • The interface between the new public transport interchange and the new CIT Campus and surrounding spaces. <p>The online survey received 157 responses with the findings outlined in a What We Heard Report published on the project website in May 2022.</p>
	Woden Renewal Information Session	7 December 2021	<p>This session was facilitated by MPC and included presentations MPC, Transport Canberra and City Services, Canberra health Services and ACT Health.</p> <p>Held in person and online.</p>	<p>Several infrastructure projects and government initiatives centred in Woden were featured. The event was run as an in-person community information session and was also livestreamed on the ACT Government Facebook page. Approximately 50 people attended in person with a further 80 participating via Facebook.</p>

	Opening of Woden Renewal Hub	29 March 2022	Representatives from MPC and Multiplex	The purpose of this space is to strengthen community outreach by having a community engagement and exhibition space that showcases ACT Government projects in the Woden area.
	Renewal Hub walk in sessions	Ongoing from March 2022	Representatives from MPC	MPC and Lendlease, the contractor engaged to design and construct the new CIT Campus in Woden and deliver the remaining components of the public transport interchange, are using the Renewal Hub to host meetings and information sessions with community and stakeholders.
June – August 2022	Local stakeholder briefings with: Woden Valley Community Council, Scentre Group, Grand Central Towers, Hellenic Club, Abode Hotel, the Woden Youth Centre, Canberra College Advocacy and special interest group briefings, including a ‘design jam’ workshop with Indigenous stakeholders, have also been held.	Several	Representatives from MPC and TCCS.	Design development phase to progress towards the DA submission in November 2022
	Community Reference Group	First meeting held 22 August. The group is expected to meet fortnightly up to December.	CRG members Representatives from MPC, CSD and TCCS.	The group will provide a formal mechanism for the community to comment on development of the CIT Campus in Woden.

	Online meeting with Woden Community Council.	13 July 2022	Representatives from MPC Communication and Engagement team, CIT Campus Woden project team, Lendlease	Lendlease and MPC presented general design overview. Topics discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carparking • Alignment with 1970 Woden Town Plan • Activation of east / west boulevard • Public use of space • Bus movements anticipated in the interchange • Wind impacts
	Online meeting with Woden Community Council.	17 August 2022	Representatives from MPC Communication and Engagement team, CIT Woden Campus project team and Lendlease	Lendlease and MPC presented general design overview. Topics discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth foyer location • Carparking • Opportunities for Woden Town Centre • Ground floor activation • Wind, sun and shade modelling • How student life will be brought into the precinct • How markets would work in the public spaces • Cycleways and pathways
	Online community information session	23 August 2022	Representatives from MPC and Lendlease. Community members.	Presentation of updated concept designs.
	Walk-in sessions at the Woden Renewal Hub	25 August and 1 September 2022	Community	Presentation of updated concept designs.
	CIT Open Day	27 August 2022	MPC Communications Team	Presentation of updated concept designs.

	Woden Community Council Meeting.	7 September 2022 (planned attendance)	Representatives from MPC Communication and Engagement team, CIT Woden Campus project team, Lendlease, Community Services Directorate and Transport Canberra and City Services.	Agenda expected to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Foyer • Precinct activation • Wind, sun and shade modelling • Transport interchange and active travel • Carparking
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b) Major Projects Canberra has focussed on undertaking consultation with the community directly, rather than via community council meetings, so as to reach a broad community audience. Woden Valley Community Council members have been able to provide feedback through relevant consultation sessions set out in paragraph (a) above. Representatives of the Woden Valley Community Council were in attendance at meetings which included:

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7 September 2022 (planned attendance at WVCC meeting)	Representatives from MPC Communication and Engagement team, CIT Woden Campus project team, Lendlease, Community Services Directorate and Transport Canberra and City Services.	


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- a) Lendlease building Pty Ltd, the contractor engaged to design and construct the new CIT Campus in Woden and to deliver the remaining works for the new Woden public transport interchange, is currently focused on design development in preparation for submission of a Development Application (DA). This is currently expected to be submitted in late 2022.

Iterative design activities will occur throughout the delivery of the project, including ultimately the issuance of 'issued for construction' and 'works as executed' drawings.

- i) The majority of key design decisions are expected to have occurred by early to mid-2023.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Skills, Mr Chris Steel MLA