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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on [19 July 2023]: Mr Ben Ponton took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Hansard Transcript [19 July 2023] [PAGE 70-71]]

In relation to: Lawson Stage 2

MR CAIN: So, as stated yesterday you said that the footprint that was in existence at the time of this 70/30 commitment was your base footprint that you are assessing your target against of 70 and 30. Is that correct.

Mr Ponton: So, who are you directing the question to, Mr Cain?

MR CAIN: To the minister.

Mr Gentleman: Yes. So, we advised, as is the case yesterday, that the 70/30 target was written into the planning strategy in 2018.

MR CAIN: Flash, from 2018, so, this 60/40 current sort of meeting your target at 60/40 that Ms Clay has touched on, that is based on 60 per cent of new developments, new residences were added to the footprint back in 2018 and 40 per cent were added because of greenfield. Is that what you are saying?

Mr Gentleman: No, 70/30 is the—

MR CAIN: That is the target but the actual outcome.

Mr Ponton: No, no. As I noted yesterday, and we could also take it on notice, to be abundantly clear I read out a number of figures that showed over the last five years we had exceeded 70 per cent. I think there was one year that it was at 69 per cent. So, if you want to check Hansard for yesterday but as I said—

MR CAIN: Based on the footprint in 2018.

Mr Ponton: Keep in mind also, Mr Cain, I am sure you would be alert to this but the existing urban footprint is as defined by the Territory Plan which includes zoning. So, for example, new areas at that time were already zoned.

MR CAIN: In 2018?

Mr Ponton: In 2018. So, the existing urban footprint was defined. May not have yet been developed

but there was an existing urban footprint so it is not as though we have had to rezone a whole lot of additional land. It was the identified urban area. But I can provide you with a separate briefing organised through Mr Gentleman's office on how that is determined if that would be helpful.

MR CAIN: We will look forward to that.

MR BRADDOCK: A quick clarification. Would Lawson Stage 2 be counted as infill or greenfield under that definition?

Mr Ponton: Greenfield. That would be greenfield. Greenfield, Lawson Stage 2.

MR BRADDOCK: Is there a specific answer here or are there two answers? Is it infill or is it greenfield?

Ms Brady: Erin Brady, Deputy Director-General, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development. Lawson would be counted as infill because it is within the footprint. If I am incorrect I will provide a correction.

MR BRADDOCK: Do you have a differing answer, Mr Ponton, or are we on the same page here?

Mr Ponton: Let us confirm that and perhaps take that on notice.

MS CLAY: I wonder if the answer we are getting on notice on 70/30 on the data could we perhaps have a picture of which suburbs are counted as infill and which are not and a picture that goes to Mr Cain's question as well.

Mr Ponton: We can certainly do that and as I recall, and I may be wrong, I have not looked at it in recent days or weeks, the planning strategy document itself defined what was the existing urban footprint. So, we will include a reference to that in our answer.

THE CHAIR: Can we just get it straight that you are going to go offline and seek a clarification because at this hearing where we are discussing the planning strategy and we are specifically discussing 70/30 you cannot give a definitive answer as to whether Lawson is infill or greenfield.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Lawson Stage 2 is considered an infill development area in the south part of Lawson. The land is within an existing urban footprint and within an urban intensification locality, as identified in the Policy Map on page 7 (legend on page 6), see Attachment A and on the 'Growth Map' on page 40, see Attachment B of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018. A star has been included on each map to indicate the location of Lawson.

Infill is defined on page 107 of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018. The Strategy is available on the [ACT Government Planning website](#).

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:



Date: 26/7/2023

By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA

Attachment A



Implementation

The Strategy will be implemented by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate in consultation with other ACT Government directorates and relevant stakeholders. Many actions will be implemented through the Territory Plan, the government's key statutory planning document in the ACT.

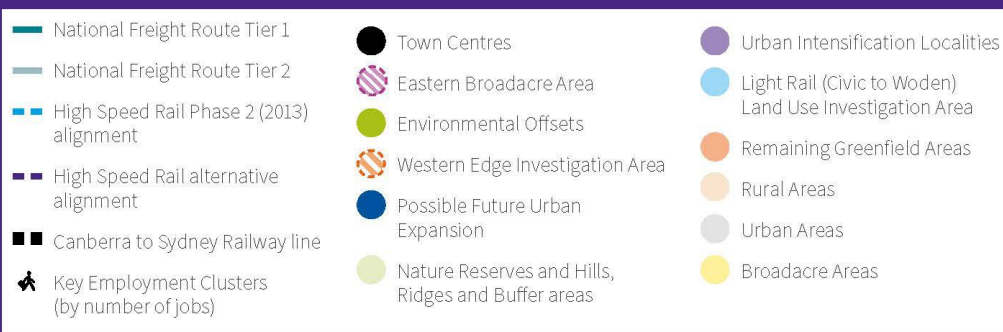
It is expected the Strategy will encourage investment in Canberra by clearly showing the parameters for growth management and the infrastructure investment intentions of government.

We will support continued diversification of the economy by ensuring the supply of future employment lands, protecting existing employment areas and strengthening the role of centres and activity nodes across the ACT.

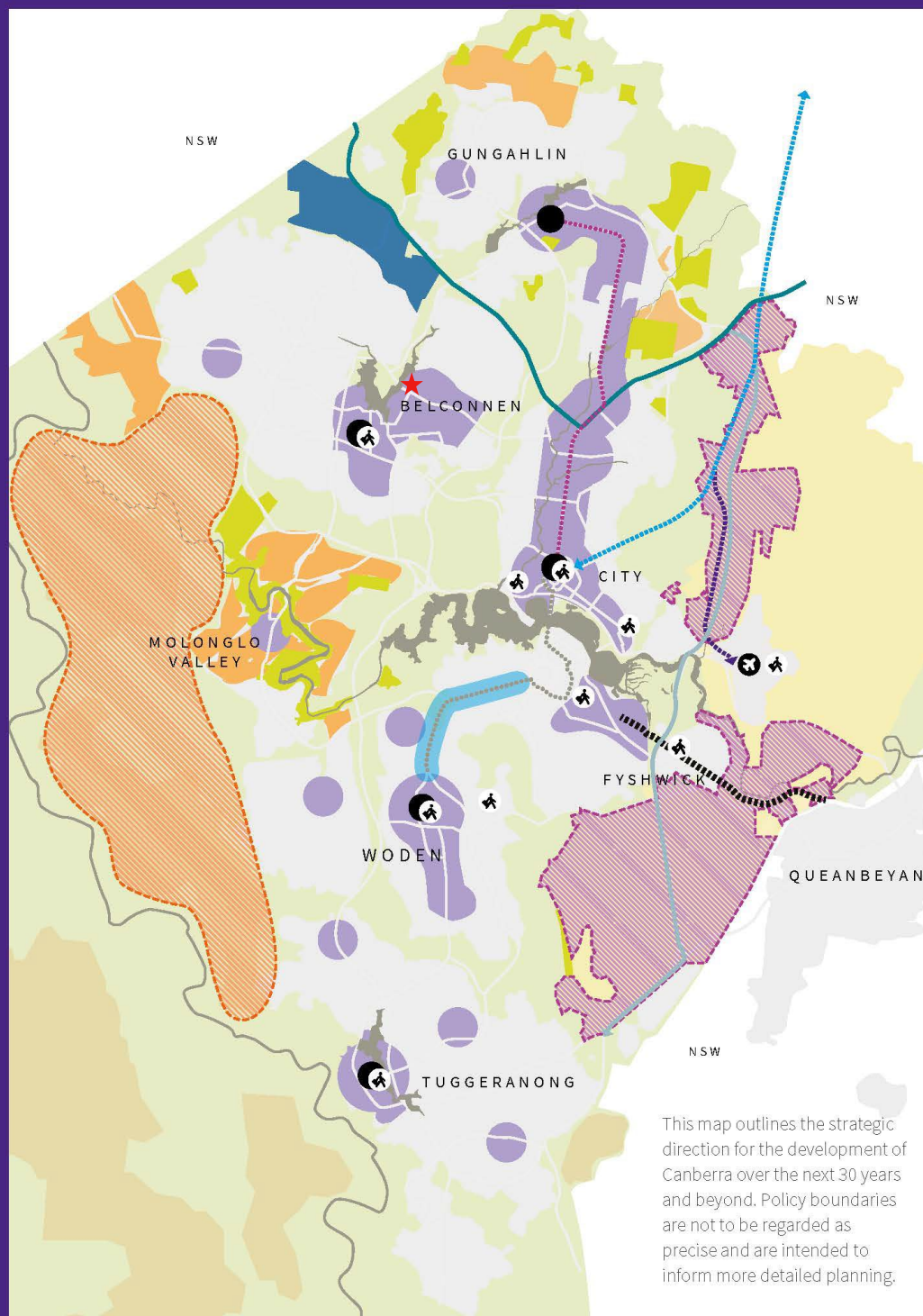
This Strategy replaces the 2012 strategy, but relies on the important background information and direction of that document. It will be reviewed again in five years, as required by legislation.

POLICY PLAN

Summary plan outlining the strategic directions for the development of Canberra over the next 30 years and beyond.



POLICY PLAN



Attachment B

ACT PLANNING STRATEGY 2018

MAP 6. GROWTH MAP

