



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 22 November 2023, Annual Report of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

In relation to: Signs General Code

The Territory Plan 2008 has a Signs General Code. Where is the Signs General Code in the Territory Plan 2023?

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

The general codes from the Territory Plan 2008 including the Signs General Code were incorporated in varying degrees into the various district and zones policies of the new Territory Plan 2023 and associated supporting documents including technical specifications. Provisions were included where they were deemed to still be relevant and appropriate in the move to a new, updated planning system.

The policies in the new Territory Plan contain various assessment outcomes that need to be addressed for a development proposal to achieve a better development outcome for a particular site. This includes taking into account the surrounding context, and formulating a development proposal that responds in a manner that will positively impact the wellbeing and liveability of our communities. The relevant assessment outcome in the zones policies relating to signs is:

“Any advertising or signs are suitable for their context and do not have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area (for instance due to size or light emission)”.

The technical specifications provide guidance in the form of benchmarks that may be used to satisfy the outcome. The technical specifications provide guidance relating to the quantity, size and setback of a sign. The commercial and industrial zones technical specifications provide further guidance on limits on advertising content, and location of signs on buildings.

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Signature:



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