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Inquiry into draft major amendment to the Territory Plan – Forrest Section 19 Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12 report tabled

The Standing Committee on Environment and Planning has tabled its Report on the Inquiry into the draft major amendment to the Territory Plan for Blocks 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12, Section 19 in Forrest (DPA-B).

The inquiry commenced on 7 August 2025, received 11 submissions, and held two public hearings, in November and December 2025.

Committee Chair, Jo Clay noted, “This inquiry into DPA-B was the first review of a Territory Plan Amendment since the commencement of the new planning system in 2023”.

“This inquiry has been a valuable opportunity for the Committee to consider concerns raised during ACT Government consultation about the potential impacts of rezoning these five blocks in Forrest to Commercial CZ5 Mixed use, and the lack of clarity around future uses”. Ms Clay noted, “The inquiry has been able to provide some clarity about redevelopment intentions, with current leaseholders sharing their plans for some of the blocks in Section 19 which is likely to provide for additional housing and limited commercial uses”.

Ms Clay said “Although DPA-B is relatively limited in scope and does not authorise immediate changes to Forrest’s character, it sets the framework for future development applications that will bring about change”. She further commented, “While the report does not propose amendments to DPA-B itself, it recommends improving the process so that more information – such as the number of residences and likely impacts – for security, traffic, parking, solar access, trees, green space, and environmental considerations – is available at the major plan amendment stage”.

The Committee’s report makes 1 recommendation.

Ms Clay said, “The Committee extends its sincere thanks to those who provided input through written submissions and appearing at public hearings”.

A copy of the report, including additional comments provided by Ms Fiona Carrick MLA, is available on the inquiry [webpage](#).

Assembly Standing Orders require the ACT Government to respond to committee reports within four months of tabling.

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