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In relation to an older person's health action plan, there are currently a number of plans developed by the ACT Government that address the needs of older Canberrans.

The *Health Action Plan* recognises that increasing numbers of older people will seek access to health care and related services, as well as activities and services aimed at maintaining physical and mental health and well being, and supports the positive and healthy ageing of the ACT community.

The *Canberra Social Plan* sets the improvement of the health and well-being of the ACT community as a priority area. A primary goal is to meet the health needs of the ageing population, including establishing innovative aged health care and accommodation initiatives that recognise changing demographic profiles.

ACT Health is also currently preparing a Clinical Services Plan and a Primary Care Strategy, both of which will address the needs of older people using the ACT's services, as well as strategies to maintain the health of older people.

Together, these documents will provide a comprehensive response to the health needs of all ACT residents, including older people.

I commend the Government response to the Standing Committee on Health Report on the *Allied Health Care Needs of People in Residential Aged Care* to Members of the Assembly.

Attachment 4

Document incorporated by the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services, Minister for Urban Services and Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Mr Speaker, Draft Variation number 243 proposes to change the Territory Plan Map to:

Respond to the requirement for additional land for the expansion of the aged care facility by replacing the Urban Open Space Land Use Policy applying to Block 1 Section 53 Monash, Block 2 Section 50 and part Block 3 Section 50 Monash with Community Facility Land Use Policy.

It is also proposed to replace Entertainment Accommodation and Leisure Land Use Policy on part Block 3 Section 50 Monash with Community Facility Land Use Policy.

The Variation will facilitate the development of an extension to the current aged care facility on Block 2 Section 47 Monash. The extension is expected to provide for a 100 bed hostel/nursing home and 150 aged persons units with ancillary uses.

The proposal is in line with the ACT Government's commitment for the strategy called '*Building for our Ageing Population*'. Census Data 2001 revealed that 14.6% of all persons aged 65 years and older in Canberra were resident in Tuggeranong. This is expected to increase to 22% by year 2010, and as such the demand for aged care facilities is likely to increase in the Tuggeranong area.

The planning study carried out for the site concluded that the proposed development would have a significant benefit on the Tuggeranong area. The study also concluded that the development of the aged care facility on part of the site would not adversely affect the operation of the open space

network in Monash.

The Preliminary Assessment (PA) related to this proposal included a detailed traffic study, and the outcome of the traffic study did not require upgrading of the

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intersection of Cockroft Avenue and Isabella Drive. The PA concluded that the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment have been adequately addressed.

The draft Variation was released for public comment on 24 July 2004, with comments closing on 3 September 2004. A total of three written submissions were received during that period. Minor revision was made to the variation as a result of the consultation process. The changes related to traffic assessment outcomes and the addition of the details relating to the air quality monitoring facility, which is co-located on Block 2 Section 50 Monash with the weather station.

In its Report No.1 of December 2004 the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment made two recommendations in relation to the draft Variation.

The Committee's first recommendation was that entry and exit driveways for the complex should be very carefully sited, and a slipway should be considered for Isabella Drive and adequate signage erected in the vicinity of the proposed development. The Committee's recommendation is noted and will be further considered during the development stage of the proposal.

The Committee's second recommendation was that the Draft Variation No. 243 be agreed to.

Mr Speaker, I now table Variation to the Territory Plan No. 243.

Attachment 5

Document incorporated by the Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services, Minister for Urban Services and Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Mr Speaker, it is my pleasure to table the fourth and final six monthly Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into Disability Services in the ACT.

Since 2002, we have witnessed a fundamental shift in our approach to the provision of disability services in the ACT, an approach built on respect for the views of people with disabilities and a commitment to community partnership.

We have now implemented the majority of the Board's Recommendations and the remainder will be advanced through *Future Directions: A framework for the ACT 2004 - 2008*.

Members will recall that *Future Directions* was released by the Chief Minister in September 2004 and followed extensive community consultation.

The document sets down a four-year course of action that will take Disability ACT beyond its immediate responsibilities arising out of the Board of Inquiry.

It provides a structure that will enable the organisation to better support people with disability, while recognising their rights to self-determination, respect, dignity and participation at all levels in the community.

The framework identifies four principal areas of focus:

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