

# Memo

**To** Mark Burow; Ian Smith;  
**From** Rob Purdon  
**Date** 18 Dec 14  
**Subject** NOTES OF MEETING

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I met with representatives from TAMS and EDD on 16 December 2014 to discuss road access to the Casino and adjacent stormwater issues. Rod Baxter, Ben McHugh and Tim Xirakis were in attendance.

I briefly outlined work being done on the Casino, and the need for some clarity around the access and development issues.

Ben McHugh advised that there was an existing right of way from Corranderrk Street to the Casino and that use of this ROW would not be a major traffic issue. He also confirmed that a connection through the Convention Centre site to Constitution Avenue was not problematic. However, McHugh indicated that access adjacent to the overhead bridge off Coranderrk St would be more problematic because of the proximity to and access across the adjacent residential site, and engineering works associated with the bridge.

It appears that the ROW was introduced post occupancy of the residential building on Block 25 (Glebe Park Apartments) and this caused some objections from residents.

As the ROW traverses private land, approval would be required from the lessee for any construction work onsite (eg road and porte cochere).

Rod Baxter and Tim Xirakis supported the concept of an increased entertainment precinct in the vicinity of the Casino, and would welcome any initiatives from the casino including new activities as well as better amenity along the extension of City Walk through the site.

TAMS understand that the fountain was gifted to the Territory by the Casino, but that the management of the fountain and associated canopy awnings are being managed by the Casino.

The Territory has been discussing landscape improvements along the public walkway with the previous Casino owners but there is no formal resolution of this work. This has involved commissioned plans to improve the landscaping and amenity of the walkway though the casino site

TAMS advised that stormwater management would not directly affect the Casino site.

A dedicated Casino drop-off zone on Allara Street, immediately adjacent to City Walk would not be possible because of a signalised pedestrian crossing, but could be possible in adjacent areas.

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EDD advised that there has been on-going discussions with the owners of Block 24 (adjacent to the Casino) which extends either side of the ROW. The Territory has been considering a new stormwater detention pond north of the ROW and is also considering compulsory acquisition of Block 24 from the existing private lessees. It is understood that the private lessees only have development approval for about 600m<sup>2</sup> of space on Block 24, and that the ownership of the site is held by several parties without common agreement as to future development of the site.

I understand that a Cabinet paper is being prepared to consider compulsory acquisition of Block 24.

It seems from my discussions with the above there would be some possibility of a negotiated outcome between the Territory from the adjacent private lessee and the Casino regarding a win-win outcome for a substantial development project should Aquis want to get involved.

For information.