



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Planning Bill 2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 7 December 2022

In relation to: Mandatory Consultation with the community


- (1) Which sections of the *Planning Bill* require industry to consult with the community on planning matters, including Development Applications?
- (2) At what stage of the project does that consultation occur?
- (3) Who must they consult with?
- (4) Did the Planning and Land Authority, in the process of deciding to remove pre-DA consultations from the proposed Planning Bill, consider different variations of pre-DA consultation and/or improvements to the pre-DA consultation, that might be made to improve pre-DA consultations? If so, what were these variations/improvements?
- (5) Did the Planning and Land Authority, in the process of deciding to remove pre-DA consultations from the proposed Planning Bill, consider pre-DA consultations in other jurisdictions and their applicability in the ACT?

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

For the answer to questions 1 to 3, please refer to the answer to Question Taken on Notice No. 11 from 7 December 2022 provided to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services.

In answer to questions 4 and 5, the decision to remove pre-DA consultation provisions in the Planning Bill 2022 (the Bill) was decided by the ACT Government in settling the Bill and not by the planning and land authority. The role of the planning and land authority is to provide independent advice. Notwithstanding, the answer is yes. In terms of potential variations considered, these were as outlined in Submissions received during consultation / engagement on the draft Bill, which were carefully considered post the consultation period.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature: 

Date: 19/12/2022

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