



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

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

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 17 November 2023: Mr John Dietz took on notice the following question(s):

Reference: Hansard [uncorrected] proof transcript 17 November 2023, page 14

In relation to: 70/30 target

THE CHAIR: I will supplement on that. In previous government documents—and I do not have the document in front of me, but I think it is before 2020—that land site was not listed as greenfield; it was listed as brownfield. We have government documents and government reports that listed what different sites were. It has obviously been re-categorised. Does that happen often?

Ms Berry: What did you say?

THE CHAIR: That site was previously listed as a brownfield site; not as a greenfield.

Ms Berry: That is what I just said, is it not?

THE CHAIR: Perhaps I might send through a question on notice with the document that refers to it. Are sites often re-categorised by the Chief Minister from one category to another?

Mr Dietz: I think, minister, your point was it was within the urban footprint, and therefore deemed as part of the 70, not the 30. I think Mr Parton did suggest that is the greenfields part of CSIRO. Whether it is greenfields or brownfields, my understanding is it was within the 70 per cent, not the 30 per cent. We are happy to take on notice to see what previous classifications—whether it was brownfields or greenfields.

THE CHAIR: That would be lovely, if you could take that on notice as what previous categorisations in published government documents.

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

The CSIRO Ginninderra site is land outside the existing urban footprint and would fall into the category of 'greenfield' (per definition of "greenfield" on page 107 of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018). While not shown as 'greenfield' on the map it is shown as a Possible Future Urban Area, as identified in the 'Policy Map' on page 7 (legend on page 6) and on the 'Growth Map' on page 40 of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018. Further, Map 6, 'Growth Map' on page 40 of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018 identifies the ACT's greenfield areas (as of the date of the publication of the ACT Planning Strategy 2018).

The ACT Planning Strategy does not have a map showing 'existing urban footprint'. However, the glossary (page 108) defines the 'urban footprint' as 'the geographic extent of the existing urban area'. The Planning Strategy Policy Plan (page 7) shows the 'urban areas' in grey.

As the CSIRO Ginninderra site is outside of the grey urban area and is undeveloped, it would normally be included in the 30 per cent greenfield quota.

A link to the 2018 Planning Strategy is provided here:

https://www.planning.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1285972/2018-ACT-Planning-Strategy.pdf

The ACT Land and Property Report includes CSIRO in the greenfield planning pipeline, which identifies the site as future urban development. A link to the most recently published report is provided here: www.planning.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/2245827/ACT-Land-and-Property-Report-December-2022.pdf

However, it is noted that for this site the classification of this site as greenfield may warrant consideration, particularly with respect to considering greenfield to usually capture sites that have not previously had development, and that there are parts of the site that have been used for a scientific research station for the CSIRO.

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Signature:



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