

Minutes

RSPCA Project Home monthly meeting

Date	Friday, 6 October 2023	
Time	10:00am – 11:00am	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Members		
Ben McHugh	Deputy Director-General	Transport Canberra & Business Services (Chair)
Daniel Childs	EGM	Territory & Business Services
Shane Kelly	Business Manager	Territory & Business Services (secretariat)
Alex Nockels	Senior Director	Territory & Business Services (secretariat)
Bruce Fitzgerald	EGM	City Services, ID & NoWaste
Sophie Clement	A/g EBM	Infrastructure Delivery
Steven Hare	Senior Director	City Services, Infrastructure Delivery
Michelle Robertson	RSPCA CEO	RSPCA
Chris Collins	RSPCA ACT Director	RSPCA
Deborah Flood	RSPCA ACT Director	RSPCA

Item No.	Comments	ACTION	ACTION BY	WHEN
1.	Welcome and apologies. Minutes Previous accepted			
2.	Review of action items Business Case update given.			
3.	Business Case Update Submitted to Minister and awaiting Treasury comments. BM met with Treasury and discussed contingency management options again awaiting comments. Note Minister Steel on leave for two weeks. Indicative support has been indicated.			
4.	Design Update and Environmental Approvals - Update on translocation of threatened species (Striped Legless Lizard) on site. Mitigation strategies discussed. - Discussions with ACT Conservator and Commonwealth Agency have taken place. - Impact on project is currently focused on entrance to facility. Consultants are currently conducting feasibility work on entrance to manage footprint appropriately. - Mitigation work aims to avoid impacts on species habitat and the need for translocation thus negating the requirement for an environmental impact statement. - The site does exhibit other high-quality grasslands that would provide suitable habitat. - Associated restoration activity on adjacent block may be considered. - A number of stakeholders have been consulted in the recent weeks to provide update. Feedback has been positive. - Site services connectivity have progressed. With certain risk elements being bedded down. (e.g. Sewerage connection). - While timelines have been impacted DA process can run separately and concurrently with other	Consider impact of caretaker protocols and potential pre-emptive mitigations.	SH	3/11/23



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	approvals. Quarter 2 DA lodgement still on track. Caretaker is considered. Design and construction execution of contracts may be pushed to post election. • Thought will be given to mitigate the impacts of caretaker practices. Impacts are considered low risk. • Striped Legless Lizard surveys and connection corridor discussed. Subsequent surveys indicate small population. • Impact and positioning of construction laydown areas discussed. Options exist. • Flexibility and expansion capacity exist across site.			
5.	RSPCA ACT update • Flyball association are considering use of RSPCA site as a facility.	• MR to send email for information. Potential for adaptable shared space.	MR	3/11/23
6.	Next key milestone date • BMc to seek a position in writing from Conservator providing assurances.	• Update will be given at next meeting.	BMc	3/11/23
7.	Any other business • Messaging and comms around managing threatened species being considered for sharing with RSPCA supporters.	• Message to be considered.	MR	

Next meeting

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