



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Point Hut and Lanyon dog parks

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Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services took on notice the following question(s):

MS MORRIS: I have had quite a few constituents raise I suppose their concerns that the Point Hunt dog exercise area might be closed when the new Lanyon Dog Park opens. Are you able to say whether that is the case or not?

Ms Clement: I think that sits with Parks and Conservation Service is my understanding. We would probably need to take that on notice. The Lanyon—

Ms Cheyne: Well, they are here. This is the right place for them too.

THE CHAIR: So take it on notice.

Ms Clement: Yes, okay.

MS MORRIS: You will take on notice as to whether the Point Hut dog exercise area will remain open?

Ms Clement: That is for Parks and Conservation Services, and yes, they will I understand, yes, and the Lanyon Dog Park is being planned and built separately to what is happening at the Point Hut area.

Ms Cheyne: And from memory, Mrs Morris, I think with Lanyon Dog Park, one of the reasons that it is being done now and not a little sooner was due to the classification of the land.

Ms Clement: That is correct because of the special—

Ms Cheyne: Yes, and changing that to enable the dog park, and so let us get you some advice on that so that is as much as my memory has.

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Ms Clement: Because there is ACT government signage marking it as a dog park area but then at the same time it is prohibited as a dog park area.

MS MORRIS: So minister, you have taken on notice that issue?

Ms Cheyne: Yes. We will give you as much clarity as possible, Ms Morris.

MS MORRIS: Thank you.

Ms Clement: And it was about the land custodianship. That is what is taking the time in terms of the delivery of the Lanyon Dog Park.

Ms Cheyne: We will give you--

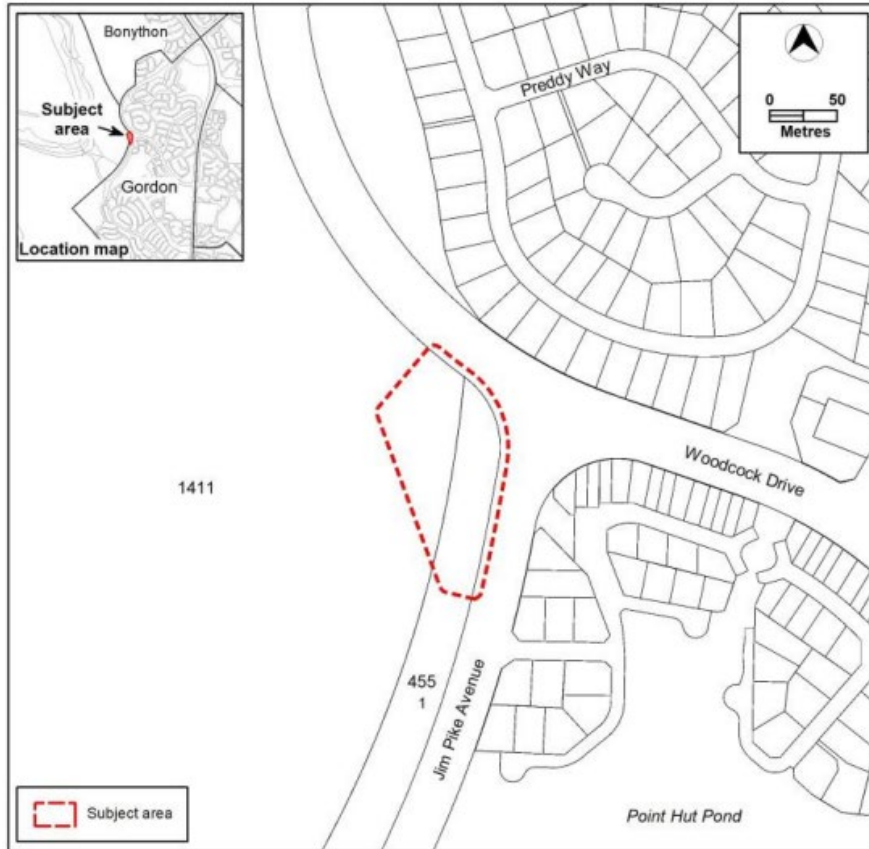
MS MORRIS: Thanks very much.

Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- As part of the initial discussions around the location of the proposed Lanyon Dog Park, it was identified that the proposed site (Tuggeranong part rural block 1411 and Gordon section 455 part block 1 (the site)) and surrounds that are currently used as an unofficial dog park, known as Point Hut Exercise Area has a Special Purpose Reserve overlay. A Special Purpose Reserve Overlay may prohibit dogs from being allowed on site.
- The new formalised dog park (Lanyon Dog Park) will be contained by a fence on a small portion of the block, as shown in Figure 1. This section has been subject to a Minor Plan Amendment to change the Pd - Special Purpose Reserve overlay at the site, which will mean that dogs would be permitted within the new dog park.
- The Conservator of Flora and Fauna provided an Environmental Significance Opinion (ESO202400037) under the *Planning Act 2023* for this project confirming it would have no significant ecological impacts on the area.
- The area currently in use as an unofficial dog exercise area will continue to be managed by the Parks and Conservation Service. On site signage will direct visitors on permitted activities across the site.
- The new designated and fenced dog park will be managed by the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.
- The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will investigate what actions need to be taken to ensure that the unofficial off-leash area to the north of the block is compliant with the Territory Plan. This may change where dogs are currently allowed on lead and off lead and requires further review before a final decision is made.

Figure 1 - The proposed site (Tuggeranong part rural block 1411 and Gordon section 455 part block 1 (the site)).

Location map



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Signature: 
By Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services

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