



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Ref: Southern Memorial Park, Budget Paper H, Page 29

In relation to: Southern Memorial Park

1. When will the planning and design process for Southern Memorial Park be completed?
2. What community feedback has the government received regarding the proposal for picnic facilities and cycle paths at Southern Memorial Park, which the consultants outlined at a Tuggeranong Community Council meeting last year?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Funding in the 2021-22 ACT Budget will progress the next stage of design work for Southern Memorial Park. The Government is currently considering feedback received from the community which will inform next steps on the development of Southern Memorial Park.
2. Community feedback was sought earlier this year which was aimed partly at identifying recreational features to enhance the function and character of Southern Memorial Park. A theme of importance identified through this process was achieving a balance between community recreation and maintaining the traditional qualities of a cemetery as a place of peace and reflection.

Community feedback received indicated that 85 per cent of respondents agreed that well maintained gardens, ease of parking and paths are important in creating a high-quality visitor experience. Also, 67 per cent of respondents ranked public toilets, walking trails, nature play, picnic areas, interpretation of local Aboriginal heritage and culture and a café as important amenities to support recreational activities and engagement within the community.

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Mr Chris Steel MLA