



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

Elizabeth Lee MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management

Ref: Output Class 2.2 Parks and Conservation

In relation to: Hackett Horse Paddocks

1. Does the ACT Government intend to transfer the Hackett Horse Paddocks on Mt Majura ridge to the adjoining Canberra Nature Park?
  - a. If so, when will the transfer take place?
  - b. Please provide any documents associated with any transfer.
2. What public consultation has been conducted with the ACT Equestrian community in relation to the potential transfer? Please provide any documentation relating to any consultation.
3. What public consultation has been conducted with local residents in relation to the potential transfer? Please provide any documentation relating to any consultation.

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

1. The ACT Government is committed to preserving the remnant woodland on the Hackett horse paddocks. An independent assessment of the ecological values on the site will be undertaken to determine whether these values can be maintained in conjunction with horse agistment on all or part of the site. This is consistent with the Government's response in August 2020 to the ACT Legislative Assembly's resolution of 20 February 2020 on the protection of Yellow Box Woodland ecosystems and to investigate rezoning unleased Territory Land east of Antill Street, known as the Hackett horse paddocks.

Once the survey work has been completed, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will then make appropriate recommendations regarding the next steps for the land.
2. Consultation with the equestrian community falls within future potential phases of work, informed by the outcome of the outstanding survey works.
3. Community consultation falls within future potential phases of work, informed by the outcome of the outstanding survey works.

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

Signature:

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman