



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Craig Gillman, Chief Executive Officer, City Renewal Authority

Reference: City Renewal Authority Annual Report 2024-25

Hearing: 10 November 2025

In relation to: Dickson Upgrades

Question received: 14 November 2025

Answer Due: 25 November 2025

(1) In 2025, CRA completed consultation on Better City Streets, including a Dickson Streetscapes Masterplan. What specific projects are planned as a part of this.

(2) Stakeholders understand that Oculus consultants received \$1.205 million for their work on Dickson Streetscapes and the Dickson Shops upgrade. Are the final reports, including underlying analysis, of these projects available, and if so, can I please be provided with a copy.

(3) Stakeholders understand the consultancy contract includes a \$22,000 provision for a 1:600 3D model of the shops as a basis for consultation. Has this ever been shown to the general public or the businesses?

(4) The City Renewal Authority's Annual Report describes the Woolley Street upgrade as “already completed”, but the eastern end was never completed, and there were more changes proposed in the Better City Streets documents. Can you please explain why the remaining upgrades haven't been completed, and when they will be or if there are any future works planned for this area.

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) Better City Streets included:

- a. Alinga Street (West)
- b. City Walk (Ainslie Avenue to Binara Street)
- c. Cooyong Street Masterplan
- d. Dickson Streetscapes Masterplan

These projects are at various stages of design development.

Consultation information can be found here: [Better City Streets](#) | [YourSay ACT](#)

- (2) The site analysis for both Dickson Streetscapes and Dickson Shops has informed the final design. The contract requirements can be found on the ACT contract register. The underlying site analysis is not publicly available.
- a. For the Dickson Shops upgrade, City Renewal has published to its website:
 - i. information about the final design online-
<https://www.act.gov.au/cityrenewal/blog/city-renews/upgrading-the-dickson-shops-safer,-greener-and-more-welcoming/> nocache; and
 - ii. a Listening Report from public consultation-
<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/revitalisation-dickson-shops>.
 - b. The Dickson Streetscapes masterplan is being finalised, and an update will be published to City Renewal's website once complete.
 - i. Information about the design to date - [Dickson Streetscape Improvements | Better City Streets | YourSay ACT](#)
- (3) Development of a 3D model was allowed for in the consultancy contract with Oculus as a provisional sum, however City Renewal did not action this option within the contract. A 3D model was produced through a collaboration with the University of Canberra which has been regularly used in community consultation.
- a) Region Canberra wrote an article about the model here:
<https://region.com.au/scale-models-of-canberras-shopping-centres-very-big-step-forward-for-city-planning/785274/>
- (4) Upgrades to parts of Woolley Street were completed in 2023 and included delivery of a central plaza and the southern entry off Cape Street. The Dickson Streetscapes masterplan (which is in progress) provides the foundation for further works at Woolley Street, including the Badham Street intersection, subject to approvals and future funding.

Approved for the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:
November 2025



Date: 25

By Chief Executive Officer, City Renewal Authority